2011
ANNUAL REPORT
TOWN OF EASTON

Edwin A. Keach Park

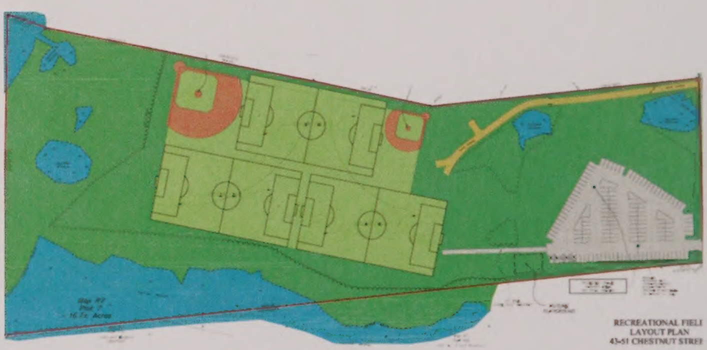
EDWIN A. KEACH PARK

The Town of Easton's Open Space and Recreation Plan identified the need for additional recreational playing fields in Town due to the number of youth enrolling in Easton's sports programs. To fulfill this need, the plan directs Town Boards and Commissions, and other recreation organizations on an on-going basis, to ensure that sufficient land is available for recreation facilities and programs and to work with the Easton Community Preservation Act Committee ("CPC") to purchase land that will provide space to expand recreational opportunities in the town.

In the Fall of 2010, a property owner approached the CPC indicating they were interested in selling the Town property on Chestnut Street being developed for recreational playing fields. Once constructed, the 16 +/- acre property would include three multi-use recreational fields accommodating sports such as soccer and lacrosse, two softball fields and a children's play area. The property is also located adjacent to existing Town-owned open space and important wetland resources. The Recreation Committee, Conservation Commission and the CPC determined this purchase helps the Town meet its recreation needs, preserves critical wetland resources and allows for future connections to adjacent town-owned open space areas for passive recreational enjoyment.

The Town approved the purchase of the property at the May 16, 2011 Annual Town Meeting. Construction of the fields was completed in the Fall of 2011 with the Town acquiring the fields shortly thereafter. Given the time and effort it takes to properly establish new recreational playing fields during the initial grow-in period, the former property owner agreed to work with the Town to ensure the fields are fully ready for play in the Fall of 2012.

At the September 26, 2011 meeting of the Board of Selectmen, the Keach Family requested that the new playing fields be named in honor and in recognition of Edwin Keach. The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously in favor of this request.



TOWN OF EASTON 2011

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Incorporated	1725
Area of Town	29.04 Square Miles
Population	23,112 (2010 Fed Census) 23,085 (2010 Town Census)
Form of Government	Open Town Meeting
Total Assessed Real and Personal Property Valuation as of January 1, 2011	$2,947,436,892
Town Meeting	Third Monday in May
Town Election	Fourth Tuesday in April

REPRESENTATIVES FOR EASTON 2011

CONGRESSMEN

John F Kerry, US Senator
Scott P Brown, US Senator
Stephen F Lynch, Representative in Congress, 9th Congressional District

STATE SENATORS

Thomas P Kennedy, (D-Brockton)- 2nd Plymouth & Bristol (Pcts 1 &2)
Brian A Joyce (D-Milton)- Norfolk, Bristol & Plymouth (Pcts. 3,4,5,6)

REPRSENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT

Geraldine Creedon (D-Brockton) - 11th Plymouth District (Pcts 1, 2, 4, 5)
Angelo D'Emilia (R-Bridgewater) – 8th Plymouth District (Pct 6)
Christine E. Canavan (D-Brockton) – 10th Plymouth District (Pct 3)

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL

Kelly A Timilty (D-Boston)- 2nd District (Pct 3,4,5,6)
Christopher A Iannella, Jr. (D-Boston)- 4th District (Pcts 1,2)

Town of Easton, Massachusetts

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

	TERM EXPIRES
SELECTMEN	
Todd Gornstein	2014
Sean Noonan	2013
Ellen Barlow	2013
Daniel Murphy	2012
Colleen A. Corona	2012
MODERATOR	
Walter Galas	2012
ASSESSORS	
Gerald J. Noonan	2014
Wallace M. Fulcher	2013
Shaun Fitzgerald	2012
BOARD OF HEALTH	
Gilbert A. Heino	2014
Scott Aronson	2013
Jennfer Nichols	2012
FINANCE COMMITTEE	
David Mills	2014
Kimberly Dubois	2014
Jack Waksman	2014
Carol Nestler	2013
Frederick Isleib	2013
Patrick A. Goodman	2012
Keith Graveline	2012
Michael Ferrara	2012
Irwin Cohen	2012
HOUSING AUTHORITY	
Sandra L. Conant	2016
Katherine Taylor	2015
Michael J. Malloy	2013
Dennis Sheedy	2012
REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE	
Michael Pietrowski	2014
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	
Laurie Han	2014
Caroline S. O'Neill	2014
Jane Martin	2013
Donna Abelli	2013
Colleen Less	2012

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Town Administrator	David A. Colton
Animal Control Officer	John D. Melin
Animal Control Officer Asst.	Elizabeth J. DeRosa
Animal Inspector, Milk Inspector	John D. Melin
Chief Appraiser	Robert Alford
Health Agent	Mark Taylor
Health Agent	Kristen Kennedy
Building Inspector, Zoning Enforcement, ADA Coordinator	D. Mark Trivett
Council on Aging Director	Dolores M. Kent
Planning Director	Bradford Washburn
DPW Director	Wayne P. Southworth
DPW Operations Manager	Maurice Goulet
Fire Chief	Thomas F. Stone
Library Executive Director	Madeline Holt
Plumbing & Gas Inspector	Robert Govey
Plumbing & Gas Inspector, Asst.	
Police Chief	Allen R. Krajcik
Recreation Program Director	Anne Daley
School Superintendent	Michael Green, Ed. D.
School Superintendent, Asst.	Cathy MacLeod
Town Accountant	Wendy V. Nightingale
Town Clerk	Jeremy P Gillis, CMC
Town Counsel	Blatman, Bobrowski & Mead, LLC
Treasurer and Collector	Teresa DeSilva
Veterans Agent	Stephen F. Nolan, III
Water Division Operations Manager	John J. Marsh
Wiring Inspector	Kevin Greiner
Wiring Inspector, Asst.	John F. Amorim

Lists/Officers/Elected Staff.xls

3/16/2012

Easton Appointed Boards and Committees

(In Alphabetical Order)

TERM EXP.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

Dan Burke	2013
Steve Merlin	2013
Amy Rodrigues	2013
Donna Bonia	2012
Ellen Barlow	2012
Paula Piccinin	2012
Christine Santoro	2012

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Todd Sandstrum	2014
Rory O'Dwyer	2014
Edmund Hands	2014
Peter Palm	2013
Patty Chambers	2013
Sean Flynn	2012
Nora Yousif	2012

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Brenda DeCosta	2014
Jay Pike	2013
Donna Abelli, School Committee Rep.	2012
Michael Ferrara, Finance Committee Rep.	2012
Daniel Murphy, Selectmen Rep.	2012

BOARD OF APPEALS

Christopher J. Pike	2016
David Mills	2016
Walter Mirrione	2014
Michael Spillane, Alternate	2014
Thomas A. Pursley	2013
Paul Prew, Alternate	2013
Mark Tuniewicz	2012

CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Stuart Scheonfield	2012

CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Jan Fowler	2014
John Fresh, Jr.	2013
Wayne P. Southworth	2012

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Mark S. Carpentier	2014
Sharyn Katz	2014
Robert Mielde	2013
Frederick MacLennan	2012
Pat Goodman, Finance Committee Rep.	2012
Christine Santoro, Planning Board Rep.	
Wendy Nightingale, Town Accountant Ex-Officio	

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Kit Minsky	2014
Melanie Deware	2013
John D. Melin	2013

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT COMMITTEE

Kevin McIntyre	2014
Avery Lee William	2014
Christine Santoro	2013
William O'Neil	2013
Dennis Sheedy, Housing Authority Rep.	2013
James Lee	2012

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

John Bewsher, Jr.	2014
James Welcome	2013
Jean Parrinello	2013
Patrica Sommers	2012

TERM EXP.

INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Nancy Donahue	2013
Hazel L. Varella (Town)	2013
Gerard S. Marsan (Corp)	2013
Madeline Miele Holt, Executive Director	2013
Marcia Connors (Town)	2012
William Ames (Corp)	

MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Kenneth Carlson	2014
Ralph Vatalaro	2013

OLD COLONY ELDER SERVICES

Delores Kent, Board of Directors
Nicolina Previti, Board of Directors Alternate

OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL (OCPC)

Jeanmarie Kent Joyce, Representative	
Stephen Donahue, Delegate Alternate	2010

OCPC TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Wayne P. Southworth, Representative

PERMANENT LANDFILL COMMITTEE

David W. Brown	2012

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

Wayne Benson, JR	2016
Peter Deschenes	2015
Christine Santoro	2013
Daniel Smith	2013
Greg Strange	2012
John Varella, Alternate	2012

RECREATION COMMISSION

Robert Benton	2014
Erin Gianni	2013
William O'Neil	2013
Elizabeth Nikiciuk	2012
Charles H. Hammond	2012

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Gus Arns	2014
Jeremy P Gillis, CMC	
Patricia Locke	2012

SCHOOL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Marc R. Brockman
Lennart K. Altieri
Dawn Marie Boynton, School
Judith E. Josephs
Henry P. Narsasian

VETERANS' GRAVES OFFICER

John Melin	2013

VETERANS AND MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE

Alvin Smart, Commander VFW
Louis G. Silva
John Flynn
Ernest R. Camara
Daniel B. Amorim

WATER RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION

Shirley Tufts	2013
Wayne P. Southworth, Local Water Resources Management Officer	
John J. Marsh, Operations Manager/Water Div.	

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(In Alphabetical Order)

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Robert Coe	2012
D. Mark Trivett, Ex-Officio	

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Edward Woods	2014
Jonathan Chace	2013
Christopher Patrick	2013
Michael Ganshirt	2013
John E. Grant	2012

CONSTABLES

Scot Douglas	2014
Michael Goldberg	2014
Lance Cohen	2014
James T. Hartford	2014
Sean Bastis	2014
Nathaniel Greene	2013
Robert Bishop	2013
Jerold Loomis	2013
Harold L. March	2013
Michael Marrum	2013
John D. Melin	2013
Phillip E. White, Jr.	2013
Brent Peterson	2013
Sean Cushing	2012
William E. Scharnick	2012
Brian Bishop	2012

COUNCIL ON AGING

David Cudmore	2014
Jean Shearing	2014
Francis Spillane	2014
Nicolina Previti	2013
Rose Friedeborn	2013
Marie Healey	2012
Ethel Pomerleau	2012
Delores M. Kent, Director	

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Linda Paolucci	2014
Francis Smith	2014
Richard Connolly	2014
Kate Mench	2014
Peter Buhl	2014
Carolyn Cole	2013
Peggy Flynn	2013
Mary Goulart	2012
Christine Judge	2012
Heidi Harlfinger	2012

FENCE VIEWERS

Meredith Keach	2012
David Mills	2012
Mark Trivett, Ex-Officio	

GREEN COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Wendy Whitty	2014
Andrea Waldorf	2013
Colleen Less	2012
Karen Gallo	2012
Haley Kallfelz	2012
Adrienne Edwards, Town Employee Representative	2012
Ellen Barlow, Selectmen Representative	2012

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Karen Cacciapuoti	2014
Greg Galer	2014
Melanie-Jane Deware	2014
Marcy Stefura	2014
Timothy Hurley	2013
John Ventresco	2013

Michael Sommers	2012

WORLD WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

John F. Hurley, Chair
Chairman, Board of Selectmen
Chairman, School Committee
Commander, George F. Schindler Post VFW
Commander, George S. Shepard Post, A.L.
John D. Melin
Robert J. McLaughlin

Easton Appointed Boards and Committees

(In Alphabetical Order)

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Paul Fitzpatrick	2013
Edmund C. Hands	2012
Vacancy (Meninno Resigned), Associate Member	2012
Larry Mowatt, Associate Member	
Catherine M. Adler, Associate Member	

HUMAN RESOURCES BOARD

Sonia Bryan	2012

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

2011 was a year of significant accomplishments for the Town of Easton. Great strides were made in preserving and restoring important historic sites, preserving open space, adding recreational facilities, and providing wastewater services. In addition, the Town continued to look towards the future by undertaking "green" initiatives, promoting local agriculture, and protecting public safety. The many grants and awards the Town received in 2011 reinforces our stature as a great community in which to live and work.

On the financial front, there were incremental improvements in the Town's financial outlook in 2011. Unemployment in Easton dropped and the foreclosure rate fell, while local building starts and excise taxes inched up. Storefronts that had been vacant for some time began to open as new businesses. Revenues at the state and local level came in higher than expected, and the town received an additional state aid payment in October. Despite the record-setting snowfall in the winter, which had a huge impact on our budget, things began to look up, though only slightly.

The Town was fortunate to receive over $3 million in grants for infrastructure and revitalization for North Easton Village. The Ames Shovel works project—which encompasses historic and open space preservation, wastewater treatment, and downtown revitalization—moved through the permitting process toward a closing anticipated for early 2012. The Town received several significant grants for the project, including a $1.5 million grant for sewerage treatment and a $1 million grant for downtown revitalization. The project will include wastewater treatment for a portion of downtown Easton, water main replacement, and streetscape improvements.

Also in the downtown area, Trustees of Reservation partnered with the Town of Easton in the purchase of the former Governor Ames Estate. The 35-acre estate was purchased with a combination of $500,000 in Community Preservation Act funds, a $500,000 LAND Grant from the State of Massachusetts, and $3,000,000 in private donations. The estate will be preserved for open space and recreation.

Community Preservation Act funds were used to purchase land on Chestnut Street for a much needed recreation complex. The facility, which will be named in memory of Edwin Keach, is set to open in the spring of 2012 with fields for multiple athletic purposes and new playground equipment for younger children.

The year started with the departure of long-time Selectman John Haederle, who in January announced that he would be resigning to take a job in Washington, D.C. We would like to thank John for his eight years of service to the Board, and the work he did on behalf of the residents of the community. We wish him well, and he will be missed.

In March, the Easton Fire House Study Committee was formed, and was charged with determining whether the town should maintain the three existing fire houses or permanently reduce the number to two. The Committee released its report in September, with a recommendation that it would be in the best interest of the town to continue to operate three fire houses. We thank the Committee members for their hard work, and the thorough job they did in completing this task.

In April, the Board of Selectmen welcomed two new members. Dan Murphy was elected to a one-year term, filling out the term of John Haederle, and Todd Gornstein was elected to a three-year term. We welcome them to the Board, and look forward to working with them. Irwin Cohen left the Board after six years of service. We thank him for his dedication to the community, and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

In June, Easton was certified as a Green Community, and received a grant of $168,000 for energy-related projects. We would like to thank the members of the Green Communities Committee for their commitment and dedication during this process.

In September, the Agricultural Commission was formed. The Commission was created to promote, preserve, encourage and facilitate agricultural activities in the Town of Easton. The Commission plans to promote farmers markets, community gardens and home grown produce, which reflects the community's growing desire for locally sourced food.

The Town was also the recipient of several awards in 2011. In January, the Ames Free Library was named a finalist for the 2011 Best Small Library in America competition by *Library Journal* and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. In August, Easton was named to *Money* magazine's "Best Places to Live – America's 100 Best Small Towns" for 2011. This is the third time in a row the town has made the list, with the magazine taking note of Easton's commitment to open space preservation.

This year Easton continued to improve information access for our residents. In cooperation with Easton Community Access Television, the Town began broadcasting Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and Finance Committee meetings. The Town also made improvements to its award-winning website, assuring online access to almost all documents produced by the Town.

We would like to thank all the employees and volunteers for their commitment to providing the best for our residents. Special thanks go to Department of Public Works Director Wayne Southworth, who retired this year after 42 years of service to Easton. His knowledge and stewardship will be missed.

We would also like to thank David Colton for his commitment and creativity during this long fiscal crisis, and Mary Southworth and Kit Minsky for their continued support.

2011 laid the groundwork for major projects that will begin in 2012. We look forward to the significant changes coming to the downtown and other areas of Easton in the next year. We are hopeful that, in 2012, the economic crisis will continue to improve and that we will be able to restore positions and services that have been cut in our community in recent years.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Board of Selectmen, and we thank you for your input and continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen Corona, Chair
Ellen Barlow, Clerk
Daniel Murphy
Todd Gornstein
Sean Noonan

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The role of the Finance Committee is to make recommendations at the Annual Town Meeting (ATM) and Special Town Meetings regarding the Town's finances and other matters based on our diligent reviews and expertise. Our objective is to provide sufficient, objective information about the Town's financial situation in a straightforward manner in order to assist Easton citizens in making informed decisions and choices.

Finance Committee is tasked with making recommendations on all warrant articles. In addition we complete a detailed review on all Town and School departmental budgets making recommendations on those as well. We have over the past several years been reviewing all off budget accounts, looking for opportunities to use those accounts when appropriate, helping to stretch our tax dollars for the departmental and school budgets.

The Finance Committee consists of 9 members. We generally meet once a month June through January, increasing to weekly or more during the budget review season February through May. We average 20 plus meetings annually. The most difficult aspect of our role is listening to what are often terrific plans and ideas and weighing them against the financial constraints of our community's resources. We need to take into account the current financial concerns of the taxpayers of our community, some of whom struggle with day to day expenses, and be sure tax dollars are being spent wisely. In a perfect world Easton would be able to implement all our plans, fully staff every department and set aside money for future needs. In the real world we need to make difficult decisions, balancing the most basic of needs, like public safety and education, while not being short sighted about future plans. We are the unbiased overseers of the taxpayer's money and must recommend where and how we think the money should be spent based on the projects and budgets presented to us.

It is often very difficult in a one or two minute snippet of time to be able to summarize all the complex issues when we take a vote on town meeting floor. This year we began televising our meetings in an effort to better inform the community as to how we reach our decisions. We encourage open debate and are by no means a group that has or wants consensus on every issue. We discuss all aspects and all sides of an issue, openly, before we vote on it. We welcome input from the community and encourage Easton residents to attend our meetings.

Finance Committee members participate in a variety of other committees and groups throughout the year. Our members are actively participate in the Budget Subcommittee, Capital Planning Committee, and Audit Committee, as well as in ad hoc groups formed to address specific situations and needs. In addition this year we have had volunteers from our board attend virtually every BOS meeting so we are better prepared as budgets and warrants come before us. As your elected officials, we are dedicated to serving the taxpayers of Easton.

We enjoy effective working relationships with the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Superintendent of Schools, and the School Committee. We appreciate the efforts of all Town employees, especially the department heads, for working with us throughout the year, and look forward to continuing our mutually respectful collaboration for the benefit of the citizens of Easton.

We welcome newest members, Irwin Cohen, Keith Graveline, Fred Isleib, and David Mills. Thank you to our former members Al Benson, Todd Gornstein and Daniel Murphy. We also wish to thank Stacey Lincoln for her continued dedicated services as secretary to the Finance Committee. Finally we would like to add a very special thank you to former Finance Committee member Robert Hicks as he retires from public service. Thank you Bob for your years and years of service to this town!

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Nestler, Chairman	Irwin Cohen	Fred Isleib
Kimberly DuBois, Vice Chairman	Patrick A. Goodman	David Mills
Michael Ferrara, Clerk	Keith Graveline	Jack Waxman

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Department of Revenue regulations now require assessors to review assessments on a yearly basis to see if they meet the statistical criteria contained in the Massachusetts General Laws. Median assessments must be at least 90 % of market value and not exceed 110% as determined by analysis of the previous year's sales. Assessments must also meet uniformity criteria that show all similar properties are being assessed by the same methodology. The results of analyzing the 2010 valid or "arm's length" sales showed that most residential values declined in value and one neighborhood increased and the new fiscal year 2012 assessments reflect this change. Sales seemed to be holding steady in calendar 2011 and this will be reflected in the fiscal year 2013 assessments. Commercial and industrial value are determined by an income capitalization process that reacts more slowly to market variations and those values remained steady in 2010.

Decline in assessed values has little effect on real estate tax liability because the same amount of money needs to be raised whether the values decline, stay the same, or increase. If the values decline, the tax rate is proportionately higher and the reverse is true if values increase. Even if values remain the same, Prop 2½ allows increases to the overall amount the Town can raise. Due to these allowable increases, taxes normally will go up 3-4% a year.

Prior to setting the tax rate, the assessors are responsible for putting together information to aid the Board of Selectmen in its decision concerning classification. The Selectmen make the decision on whether to have a single or split tax rate.

Real estate overvaluation applications are reviewed by the Board of Assessors. The time frame for filing an overvaluation application is from late December when the actual bill comes out through the following February 1st. A postmark on or before February 1st from the US Post Office is a timely filing. The filing time period is set in the General Laws and late applications cannot be considered. Decisions on all applications are made by the assessors within three months of the filing date. Assessors can only look at the assessed value (not taxes) to determine if abatement is warranted. Decisions of the Board of Assessors can be appealed to the Appellate Tax Board within that Board's filing period.

The office works with the Council on Aging and the Veteran's Agent to alert elderly and veterans to changes in the laws governing statutory exemptions. Assessing staff spend a good deal of time on the phone and in the office helping our homeowners fill out applications.

Motor vehicle excise bill inquiries concerning abatements, place of garaging issues, and overvaluation of the vehicle are handled in this office. Staff is in constant contact with the Registry of Motor Vehicles trying to resolve issues for the taxpayers.

The Community Preservation Act Surcharge is assessed through this office and the Board processes exemptions to this surcharge.

Many reports for other departments and state agencies are generated from the assessors' data base. The report that is most requested is the abutters' list for public hearings.

The assessors' data is now on the Internet. The Assessing staff is working on upgrading the Assessing website to have more information and forms online. Exemptions and motor vehicle information are also on the website. The Mass.Gov site was updated which made it so that we had to redo our links on the Assessor's page.

Shaun Fitzgerald resigned from the Board of Assessors effective July 28, 2011. Shaun was a member of the Board for 10 years and brought a great deal of experience with him as an appraiser. We wish him well.

At a special meeting on September 26, 2011 with the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors, Scott Timulty a local appraiser, was appointed to the Board of Assessors.

A SUMMARY OF THE RECAPITULATION SHEET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 IS AS FOLLOWS:

Assessed Value of Real Estate	$ 2,893,719,000
Assessed Value of Personal Property	$ 53,717,892
Total Assessed Value of Real & Personal Property	$ 2,947,436,892

EXPENDITURES:

Appropriations	$ 68,857,912.31
Cherry Sheet Offsets & Misc. Charges	641,541.69
State & County Charges	682,186.00
Overlay Account	333,249.85
Total Expenditures	$ 70,514,889.85

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS:

State Receipts	$ 12,300,307.00
Local Receipts	5,330,119.00
Enterprise Funds	3,980,892.00
Free Cash/Other Available Funds	3,191,039.31
Community Preservation Funds	1,648,351.00
Total Receipts & Available Funds	$ 26,450,708.31

NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION $ 44,064,181.54

Tax Rate = 44,064,181.54/ 2,947,436,892 x 1000 = $14.95

The assessment date for fiscal year 2012 values was January 1, 2011. The Town now has 5,553 single-family homes, 1383 condominiums, 159 two-family homes and 22 three-family homes. The average single family home for fiscal year 2012 is $ 377,400.

Significant Dates for Taxpayers and Citizens regarding the Assessors' Office:

January 1st	Property Tax Assessment Date.
June30th	Property Tax Assessment Date for building permits. The Town adopted Chapter 653 of the MA. General Laws at the Special Town Meeting in January, 2004. This changed the date from January 1st to June 30th for succeeding fiscal years.
February 1st	Payment of third quarterly tax bill and deadline for accepting appeals. The only time taxpayers can appeal assessments due to overvaluation or disproportionate assessment is from the time the actual bill is mailed in December through February 1st (or the next work day if February 1st falls on a weekend.)
March 1st	Date for submission of Forms of List. This is a listing of all business personal property and must be filed every year by anyone doing business in Town.

March	Exemption applications for elderly (over 65), blind persons, and disabled veterans with a rating from the VA, can be accepted up to three months from the time the actual tax bill is mailed the previous December. Applications are mailed in August to anyone qualifying in the previous year. Community Preservation Act exemptions may be submitted anytime after March 1st and must be accompanied by the income tax filing from the previous year. Contact the office for exemption forms.
May 1st	Payment of fourth quarterly tax bill.
August 1st	Payment of the 1st preliminary tax bill. Preliminary bills are based on at least one quarter of the taxes from the previous fiscal year. If significant changes have taken place such as subdivision of land or new construction taxes will be estimated accordingly. New construction will be based on whatever is complete on the previous June 30th.
November 1st	Payment of the 2nd preliminary tax bill.
December	Setting of the tax rate and mailing of the third quarterly bill that is the actual tax bill for the current fiscal year.

Telephone Number for questions or information: 508-230-0520

GERALD J. NOONAN	Chairman
WALLY FULCHER	Vice-Chairman
SCOTT TIMULTY	Clerk

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON BOARD OF HEALTH

In compliance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, it is our pleasure to herewith submit to you a summary of the work done under the Board of Health for the year 2011.

During the year 2011 the Easton Board of Health underwent many changes. In July the Board saw the loss of the clerk position. In December we welcomed Katherine Minsky in the capacity of Executive Assistant, a resource shared with Inspectional Services. Our current Board Members are Jennifer Nichols, Dr. Scott Aronson and Gilbert Heino. The Board of Health reorganized and kept Ms. Jennifer Nichols as Chair and Gilbert Heino as Vice Chair. The Board of Health continued to be supported by Mr. Mark Taylor, RHES/RS full time Health Agent, Ms. Kristin Kennedy, REHS/RS, Part Time Health Agent, Mr. Timothy Meyers, Part Time Health Inspector. The Board also saw the retirement of long time Animal Inspector, Mr. John Melin. The Board is fortunate to have the continued service of Ms. Elizabeth DeRosa as Animal Inspector.

The Members of the Board of Health attended an annual certification seminar for Boards of Health held at the Taunton Holiday Inn. This seminar educated the Board members on public health issues and laws. The professionals within the office maintained their education requirements for their state licenses and certifications by attending seminars and classes throughout the year on a variety of topics. Mr. Timothy Meyers became a Title 5 System Inspector in March.

The Board of Health met 26 times in public meeting forum this year.

The Board of Health responsibilities are numerous, varied and focused on community health. Our responsibilities can be viewed on the town's website www.easton.ma.us. Click on department tab then click Board of Health.

The Board of Health received approval at the May town meeting to move forward with a septic betterment program funded through the Water Pollution Abatement Trust. Betterment Loans are now available to residents for the purpose of upgrading failed septic systems.

Board of Health adopted new Well Regulations which went into effect on January 7, 2011. This Regulation will dictate where, how and what kind of wells allowed within the Town. This will insure the safety of our private and public water supply. Regulations were also implemented that require State licensed Title 5 System Inspectors obtain a local permit to conduct inspections in Easton. A process and fee structure was added for the review of the reports by the office staff.

Public health nursing services were provided by contractual agreement with Health Care Options, Inc., an affiliate of Community Visiting Nurse Agency (CVNA) of Attleboro. Ms. Maureen Cardarelli, R.N., the Town's contract nurse, provided the Board with excellent service and professional advice throughout the year. The following activities and responsibilities were handled by the CVNA:314 Immunizations; 5 Mantoux testing; 0 Lead Level Screening; Health Promotion Clinics, for Blood Pressure, 36 Blood Sugar, and 5 Total Cholesterol Screening; 154 Blood Pressures 71 Communicable Disease investigations; and 5 Latent Tuberculosis Infections follow ups. The CVNA also served as the vaccine distribution center to a number of providers within the community for the Board of Health. The public health nurse provided health screening and information at the Town Offices, Parker Terrace, Elise Circle and Frothingham Hall at four scheduled clinics per month. The town nurse facilitated four seasonal flu clinics.

The town continues to prepare for pandemic flu and other mass emergences. Plans for utilizing our emergency dispensing sites were evaluated with the help of Amy Palmer, from the Bristol County Emergency Preparedness coalition. Emergency Preparedness activities have included walk-throughs at our EDS sites, call down drills and the constant updating of are emergency response manual.

With the help of Jenni Manni the Coordinator for the Bristol County Medical Reserve Corps, the Town has continued its work with the MRC and has added several members over the past year with an average of two per month. The town is fortunate to have over 65 members of the community who have completed applications for Medical Reserve Corp volunteer program. Additional FEMA trainings as well as CPR were held for the volunteers.

The rabies epizootic exists in the state of Massachusetts. Vaccinating domestic pets is advised as well as required by law in the State of Massachusetts. One rabies clinics was sponsored by the Board of Health on April 10, 2011. At the clinic, a total of 137 animals (90 dogs and 47 cats) were vaccinated.

The West Nile Virus (WNV) and the Eastern Equine Encephalitis Virus (EEE) are both a public health concern. State wide there were no human cases of WNV or EEE. The State no longer conducts routine testing of birds for WNV. Within Easton there were 2 mosquito pools which yielded 2 mosquitoes that tested positive for the EEE virus. Both viruses are passed on from the bird population to the mosquito population and then, potentially to humans. Also as a preventative measure to control the viruses, Bristol County Mosquito Control Project continued to offer an adult mosquito spraying program each spring which continues throughout the summer months. The spraying is done at the request by either local residents or city/town officials.

There were 692 permits issued by the Board of Health. The breakdown is as follows: Body Art Establishment, 2; Body Art Practitioner, 1; Body art Apprentice 1; Piercer 1; Camps,8; Motels/Trailer Parks, 1; Food service including Mobil food, 261; Death Certificates are now done with the help of the Town Clerk's office, ; Dumpsters, 225; Dumpster Service, 22; Funeral Directors, 3; Disposal System Construction Permits, 106; Disposal Works Installer Permits, ; Outdoor Sanitary Facilities, 3; Public/Semi-public Swimming Pools, 12; Tanning Facilities, 7; Tobacco Sales Permits, 36; Residential curbside 5; and Transport Offal,(septic Pump trucks) 24.

The office logged 47 complaints from the general public. If you have any questions, concerns, need advice or information, you may reach our office at 508-230-0620.

The Board appreciates the cooperation of the various town boards and departments and continues to work closely with the Department of Public Health and the Department of Environmental Protection and other agencies of the Commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted,

EASTON BOARD OF HEALTH

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2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The School Committee is pleased to submit the following report to the citizens of Easton.

In April's town election, Dr. Laurie Han was elected to a three year term, replacing school committee member Rebecca Turley, who did not run for reelection. Dr. Han practices internal medicine in Brockton, Massachusetts with the Steward Medical Group, affiliated with Good Samaritan Hospital. She moved to Easton in 2010 and prior to her election to School Committee, Dr. Han served as the parent representative on the Response to Intervention (RTI)/Advanced Learning subcommittee.

Our Superintendent, Dr. Michael Green has continued to provide strong and steady leadership to the District. Under the direction of Dr. Green, a strategic planning subcommittee worked to renew the district-wide strategic plan that had been in place since 2001. The new plan, which identified seven goals for the years 2011 – 2016, was presented to and approved by the School Committee in January of 2011. The goals are: 1. Provide differentiated instruction based on formative and summative assessment data to maximize student achievement; 2. Establish professional development priorities that are based on the curriculum renewal plan and aligned with state and national standards; 3. Develop and integrate 21st century learning expectations to provide students with what they will need as learners , workers and citizens in today's global knowledge economy; 4. Nurture the social and personal development of students so they are confident, compassionate, contributing members of society; 5. Advocate for and provide students and educators with access to the best possible educational technology and integrated teaching tools; 6. Encourage reflective practice and use data to develop and improve systems that impact student achievement; 7. Maintain partnerships and open communication to ensure informed, collaborative decision making with all stakeholders. The new strategic plan was used by each of the seven school councils to develop their School Improvement Plans for the 2011 – 2012 school year.

The School Committee approved a budget of $32,363,542.00 for school year 2011 - 2012. This equates to a 1.58% increase over the previous year's budget. This small increase did not allow the district to keep pace with ever rising costs, particularly in special education, health insurance and contractual obligations. Working closely with the administrators, Dr. Green proposed cutbacks that attempted to minimize impacts to students in the classroom. However, in addition to reducing ancillary costs such as the school supplies budget, we eliminated positions, spread throughout the elementary and secondary levels, including teachers, paraprofessionals, administrative support staff and special education and guidance positions. Easton's per pupil expenditure continues to fall far short of the State average by an amount close to $3,000. Our administrators, educators and school community work diligently on behalf of our students; however, the challenges of the current fiscal environment make it difficult to pursue new initiatives or provide new educational opportunities for the children in our District.

In addition to our annual operating budget, Town Meeting approved several capital expenditures for the school department, including the purchase of a new SPED van, critical technology infrastructure improvements and funding for on-going purchases of computer hardware and software. However, the School Committee is increasingly concerned that infrastructure needs, particularly focused on roofs and boilers in our primary schools, continue to be unmet. The District has submitted a Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority; however, we do not expect a positive outcome for this request in the foreseeable future, given the number of other school projects already on the MSBA list and the current condition of state finances.

Despite the constraints dictated by fiscal circumstances, the District continues to sustain and implement programs that improve the quality of the education we provide our students and as a result, our students continue to impress us with their successes. With the newly accepted Strategic Improvement Plan and with direction provided by the Assistant Superintendent, Cathy MacLeod, the District has implemented several key educational initiatives. A comprehensive Curriculum Renewal Cycle has been accepted for all curriculums, Grades K – 12. This five year renewal cycle will allow for a thorough development, implementation and review period for each curriculum. It will define the relationship between the Curriculum Committees, the Curriculum Coordinating Committee and the School Committee and will ensure our curricula are aligned with the State Frameworks and Common Core. In addition, using common assessments and with a newly defined Instructional Support Team, we have focused our efforts on Response to Intervention (RTI) strategies throughout the District. Our Professional Development plan has been modified so the support we provide to our educators is clearly aligned with our district goals. We approved curriculum for Marketing in grades 9 – 12 and Business and Personal Finance. At our elementary schools we have implemented a new reading program in grades 3 – 5, and introduced a flexible grouping model to our classrooms. We have altered our parent-teacher conferences and report card cycles to allow for an improved assessment, feedback and improvement process. Individual school improvement plans have also been revised to reflect specific building goals based on the district's Strategic Improvement Plan. In the fall of 2011, the School Committee approved the formation of a Change in Start-Time Exploratory Committee. The committee will work to identify and understand the comprehensive benefits that result with a later start time at the secondary level. They will identify any impacts to operating or educational procedures that need to be addressed as a result of any proposed change to start times. It is expected that they will report back to the School Committee in the early part of 2012.

The efforts of our educators on behalf of our 3,932 students (certified as of October 1, 2011) produce impressive results. All of the members of the Oliver Ames graduating class of 2011 met the MCAS graduation requirements. Ninety-five percent of the class went on to pursue higher education, eighty-four percent in four year programs and eleven percent in two year programs. Four percent of our graduates became members of the workforce and one percent joined the military. Oliver Ames High School was placed on the annual AP Honor Roll by the College Board. This honor was given to Oliver Ames for simultaneously increasing access to AP courses while increasing the percentage of students earning a 3 or higher on the AP test. Overall results for 2011 indicate that our students continue to score above the State average on the MCAS. Although we need to target improvement efforts on the performance of some distinct sub-groups we are pleased that our students continue to improve relative to the performance of other students across the State. Outside the classroom our students are engaged in a variety of co-curricular activities that result in numerous awards and championships - on the stage as performers, on the field and court as competitors, in the literary and academic world as writers, artists, scientists and historians. They volunteer for community service at the local, state, national and international levels. We are extremely proud of all our students and the manner in which they conduct themselves inside and outside the classroom.

The School Committee accepted the following retirements during the 2011 calendar year: High School level Math Teachers Nevio Cardarelli and Michael Kent, Science Teacher Elaine Clement-Holbrook, and Custodian Dwight Kaligian; Middle School level Paraprofessional Sharon Kamp-Palombo; Elementary School level Clerical Aide Karen Joyce, Library Resource Aide Judith Martindale, Learning Specialist Dianne Monnin, Gifted and Talented Specialist Meri Schreiber and Elementary Teacher Barbara Turley. We thank them for their years of service and offer our best wishes to these members of our educational community as their lives enter a new phase.

The School Department Administrative Offices are located at 50 Oliver Street, North Easton, Massachusetts. The main phone number is 508-230-3200. You can visit our website at http://www.easton.k12.ma.us. We welcome your comments, feedback and ideas. On behalf of all the students in our District, we thank the community of Easton for the support they continue to provide to our schools and to our children.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Caroline O'Neill, Vice Chair
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2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

During 2011, the Easton Public Schools continued to address new responsibilities and demands, while focusing on short and long-range plans to meet increased programmatic and staffing concerns. Despite the continued fiscal challenges and cuts in local aid which resulted in staff reductions, the school system maintained programs, addressed class size issues, considered the recommendations of the NEAS&C Accreditation Report, and met increased special education demands. The collaboration between the School Committee, staff, parents, the community-at-large, and the continued support of the citizens of Easton provided the foundation for a comprehensive and cohesive approach to the education of the students of Easton.

The following Easton Public Schools Strategic Goals (2011-2016) will continue to guide our work through the upcoming years:

Goal 1: Provide differentiated instruction based on formative and summative assessment data to maximize student achievement.

Goal 2: Establish professional development priorities that are based on the curriculum renewal plan and aligned with state and national standards.

Goal 3: Develop and integrate 21st Century learning expectations to provide students with what they will need as learners, workers and citizens in today's global knowledge economy.

Goal 4: Nurture the social and personal development of students so that they are confident, compassionate, contributing members of society.

Goal 5: Advocate for and provide students and educators with access to the best possible educational technology and integrated teaching tools.

Goal 6: Encourage reflective practice and use data to develop and improve systems that impact student achievement.

Goal 7: Maintain partnerships and open communication to ensure informed, collaborative decision making with all stakeholders.

The Easton Public Schools evidenced significant accomplishments and changes during the past year as this report indicates. In addition to the administrative, statutory, and fiscal impacts that influenced the day-to-day operation of the school system, a number of events, achievements, and issues are indicative of the active and productive learning that takes place in the schools. This summary touches upon some of the details that made up the lives of the young people and adults of Easton during the past year.

STAFF CHANGES

A number of staff changes were experienced by the school system during the 2011 calendar year. Retirements included: at the High School level: Math Teachers Nevio Cardarelli and Michael Kent, Science Teacher Elaine Clement-Holbrook, and Custodian Dwight Kaligian. Middle School level: Paraprofessional Sharon Kamp-Palombo; Elementary School level: Clerical Aide Karen Joyce, Library Resource Aide Judith Martindale, Learning Specialist Dianne Monnin, Gifted and Talented Specialist Meri Schreiber; and Elementary Teacher Barbara Turley.

Staff moving to other professional opportunities include at the High School level: String Teacher Megan Catelli and Paraprofessional Angela Plaisted; and at the Middle School Level: Math Teacher Mark Murphy and Paraprofessional Marie Sharp.

The Easton schools and the Town of Easton will certainly miss the professionalism, love of children and dedication shown by those staff members who have left the school system during this period of change and transition.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The Class of 2011enjoyed significant success in college admissions. Ninety-five percent of the graduating class moved on to higher education. Approximately eighty-four percent enrolled in four-year colleges and universities, while eleven percent went on to junior colleges, community colleges, nursing schools or technical institutes. Five percent elected to join the world of work and/or the military.

The Class of 2011 was also successful in winning substantial financial aid from colleges and universities. The individual awards were a combination of collegiate, federal, state and local funds. The citizens of Easton continued to support our graduates with donations to the many scholarships raised within the community.

Students achieved well above national and state levels on the SATs. In addition, four hundred fifty-six Advanced Placement exams were administered by the guidance department, and Oliver Ames High School was recognized by the College Board for its outstanding work in encouraging students to participate in the Advanced Placement Program. Eighty-one percent of those taking the tests earned scores of 3 or above, thus entitling them to college credit. High school students also earned Commended Student status in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

In the World Language Department, twenty-one students and their two teachers from Almeria, Spain travelled to Easton as part of the exchange program. In addition to attending classes at OA, the group went on field trips to Boston and Newport.

Students continued to achieve in the various languages. Seven students received special recognition for their performance on the National Latin Exam. Silver Maxima Cum Laude was awarded to Jessica Cheng, Richie Wertz, Patrick Keough, and Jessica Neary; Cum Laude was awarded to Morgan Daly, Ketura Duvil and Matt Hicks. Also, Emily Frank received the outstanding achievement award in French, and Matthew Hicks was recognized for his achievements in Latin.

In the Business and Technology Department, students were involved in Career Speaker Day in which speakers from a myriad number of careers and occupations volunteered to meet with students, both in their classes and individually. In addition, the department continued with DECA (part of the Distributive Education Clubs of America), which is an international association of students studying marketing and management in business, finance, hospitality, and marketing sales and service. The DECA district competition took place in January with 24 students representing Oliver Ames among the group of approximately 400 students from 10 schools. Students took part in role play case analysis in front of a judge or submitted written papers complimented by an oral presentation. Based on their performance at the District Conference, ten students qualified for the state competition in March. While some students were unable to attend because of other commitments, five students attended the state conference and each achieved competency in their chosen events. LEO club members participated in several community-based events. Students volunteered at the Lion's Cable Auction in January and participated in a variety of charity walks. Students also volunteered at the NRT Harvest Fair, the Holiday Festival, the Easton Women of Today Breakfast and the ARC Christmas Party for disabled citizens.

Middle school students were again involved in training in conflict resolution and peer mediation strategies. This program is in its twentieth year and has proven to be a very effective means of resolving peer issues and conflicts. Also, a number of Oliver Ames High School students participated in the American Legion Girls State program in late spring and in the Boys State program that was held at Stonehill College in June.

At the middle school, Peer Assistant Leaders provided assistance for new students. In addition to providing information to grade 5 students at the Olmsted and Richardson schools who would be moving to the middle school in September, students assisted at the afternoon and evening functions held at the middle school.

The National Junior Honor Society welcomed 81 new members into the society and undertook a number of individualized community service projects including the NRT Harvest Fair, HUGS II, Cradles to Crayons, and Adopt-A-Classroom.

An outgrowth of this involvement at the middle school is the student organization HANDS through which Easton students dedicated themselves to promoting tolerance, respecting others, and focusing on ways to help achieve a non-discriminatory society. Also, the middle school guidance staff worked closely with HUGS II in coordinating after-school programs that included enrichment as well as entertainment for middle school students. Programs offered included sports activities, a homework club, a Kids Club, Earth Squad, and student council.

The Art Department continued to oversee many contests so that Easton students had an opportunity to compete in a variety of arenas. A number of high school and middle school students were selected to participate in the state-wide *Boston Globe* Art Awards competition. There were many award winners from both the high school and middle school. High school students placed as follows: Gold Key: Tayla Carter, Bryanna Finlayson, Zoe Finn, and Brandan Griffin; Silver Key: Mikayla Diamond, Taylor Robohm; Honorable Mention: Kevin Swanson. At the middle school level, Christine Cobb received the Silver Key and Katherine Holmberg received Honorable Mention. Zoe Stanger took first place in the Annual 9th Congressional District Art Show.

Thirty-nine middle school students had their art exhibited at the Attleboro Art Museum and participated in the SMARTS Collaborative Middle School Art Show. Twenty-four students in grades three, four and five had their art work recognized through the Easton Water Department Poster Contest. First-place winners: grade three-Grace O'Leary; grade four-Selena Joy DeCosta; and grade five-Ruksha Senthikumar; Second-place winners: grade three-Sarah Barron; grade four-Rachel Kaplan; grade five-Katie Stapleton; Third-place winners: grade three-Cassandra Gennis; grade four-Samantha Gilgan; grade five-Jacqueline Mills. Student work was also exhibited at many locations throughout the year including the OAHS art gallery, the Transportation Building in Boston, the Easton Town Offices, the Easton Middle School Office Gallery, the F. L. Olmsted and H. H. Richardson schools, and the Easton branch of the Mansfield Bank.

In music, the Oliver Ames High School Marching Band and Color Guard, under the direction of Robert Wheeler, had an outstanding 2011 season receiving a First Place in every USSBA show, as well as receiving a Gold Medal at the MICCA Finals in Lowell. Two weeks later, the band was chosen the Champion Band in Division 3A of the New England States Competition in Connecticut. The band also played and marched in Easton's Veterans Day Parade, the Brockton Christmas Parade, and the Easton Lions Club Winter Festival Parade. Their season was topped off with the invitation to play at Gillette Stadium for the Division 3 MIAA Super Bowl Playoffs.

Students in the OAHS Jazz Band also had a successful competition year first performing at the Berklee Jazz Festival placing 5th in their division, then receiving a Silver Medal at the MAJE District Festival and a Gold Medal at the MAJE State Festival; the OA Jazz Band also performed at the Hatch Shell in Boston for their Gold Medal MAJE Performance.

The OAHS Combo also played at many civic events: the Lion's Club Annual Awards Banquet, the Friends of the Library Open House, the NRT Harvest Fair, at the Langwater Estate for the Friends of Easton and the Easton Women of Today Breakfast.

Students in the OAHS Show Choir and Pit Band hosted the 27th Annual Bay State Show Choir Festival. The school system hosted 450 students from Easton and fifteen other communities across New England and Canada during the two-day festival. The Show Choir also competed in the Mill City Festival in Lowell, earning a Silver Medal. In February the Show Choir competed in the Central MA Show Choir Festival in Dudley receiving Gold Medals for their performance and "Best in Showcase" Award. At the Eastern Show Choir Festival in Waltham in April, the group received the Grand Champion, Best Choreography and Best Vocals awards and award for Outstanding Pit Band. In May, the Concert Choir performed in the Boston Rhythms International Festival where they received a Superior Award for their performance.

The 2011 OAHS musical production of "Beauty and the Beast" directed by Charlene Dalrymple, was an outstanding production and excellent learning experience for the students in the cast, and the numerous staff and parents who took part. The show proved to be a crowd-pleaser and was one of the best attended musicals in our state-of-the-art facility.

Students selected to participate in the Southeast Senior District Music Festival included: Chorus – Joseph Burke, Kurt Eichorn, David Healy, Sarah Kawalek, Livvy Marcus, Meaghan Morris, Harrison Phelps, Jon Raduazzo, Michael Roney, Amanda Urquhart, Joshua Wise; Orchestra – Derek Cheng, Colm Grant, Hayden Lizotte, Noah Potash, Victoria Schwartz; Jazz Band - Michael Hansen and Ralph Peterson; Concert Band – David Romero, Alan Sweet, and Grace Sweet. Joseph Burke, Livvy Marcus, Harrison Phelps, Jon Raduazzo, Michael Roney, Ralph Peterson and Michael Hansen were chosen to later participate in the All-State Music Festival in Boston with the culminating performance at Symphony Hall. Jonathan Raduazzo was also chosen to sing with the All-Eastern Chorus in Baltimore, Maryland, representing one of 200 students chosen from 13 northeastern states.

In the middle school, twelve students were chosen for the Southeast Junior District Music Festival, with students being accepted into the Orchestra, Concert Band and Chorus who are as follows: Concert Band – Jocelyn Cheng, Lia Chmielinski, Sarah Harney, Arianna Manzo; Orchestra – Mike Brown, Grace Sweet, Haley Hill, Kara Arnold, Phillip Mialowski; Chorus – Mikeighla Droney, Katherine Duffy, Maeve Evans. Also, the EMS Show Choir earned a Silver Medal at the Central MA Festival and the Show Choir Festival in Somerset The EMS Jazz bands won Gold and Silver Medals at the MAJE Junior Festival in May.

All five Middle School ensembles in Grades 7 and 8 travelled to Westfield State University to participate in the Great East Music Festival. All five ensembles received Platinum or Gold Ratings for their performances.

Concerts were held in January and June at the Easton Middle School for sixth grade and also at the Olmsted/Richardson schools for grades 3 - 5. These concerts featured the Grade Six Band, Chorus and Orchestra and the combined Olmsted and Richardson Fifth Grade Chorus, Band and Orchestra. Fourth grade students participated in the two Spring concerts held in June. In the three primary schools, students participated in musical tributes on Veterans Day and Memorial Day. Individual schools held a variety of end-of-the-year musical performances that included outstanding student participation and individual and group performances.

In Family and Consumer Sciences, students provided baked goods for H.U.G.S. and charity bake sales. Sewing students made quilts which were donated to Children's Hospital. The department continued to alter prom gowns, make costumes for school plays, repair American flags, and operate the OAHS "Fix-It-Shop". As part of the culinary activities, guest speakers from Johnson and Wales University were invited to address the students. The "Garden to Table" project continued as an interdisciplinary program with Project Opportunity students.

In the Physical Education Department, students in grades 9 and 10 focused on an awareness of the health-related components of fitness by completing writing assignments on cardiovascular fitness, muscular strength, and endurance. These quarterly reports are part of the "Writing Across the Curriculum" initiative at Oliver Ames High School.

Middle School students ran in the traditional "Muscato Mile" which was held at the high school stadium in November. Students also took advantage of the opportunity to participate in the annual Pine Oaks Golf Tournament.

The elementary program continued to focus on cooperative play and team building through the medium of physical activity. At the intermediate level, "Quidditch", an adaptation of lacrosse, was introduced in physical education class and was the main event at "Harry Potter Night".

"Hoops for Heart" was conducted at all the elementary schools at the conclusion of basketball units. "Jump Rope for Heart" takes place at the primary schools when jump rope skills were introduced. These activities emphasized the importance of cardiovascular fitness and supported the American Heart Association.

In the Mathematics Department, students at the secondary level continued to score well above the norm in the state mandated MCAS exam, the SAT exam, and Advanced Placement exams. Led by Mrs. Porter-Meglio, the OAHS Mathematics Team (with students from geometry to calculus) earned one of the top awards in the American Scholastic Mathematics Association, where teams from across the United States competed to complete challenging problem solving-based tests. Senior recipients of the Oliver Ames Mathematics Achievement Award were Lara Basovic and Timothy Tufts. Students on the Middle School Mathematics team, led by Mrs. Spillane, excelled in the EMS grade level competitions.

In the Science Department, Mrs. Brockman organized the Intermediate Science Olympiad at the F. L. Olmsted and H. H. Richardson Schools. Approximately two hundred Honors Chemistry students prepared and ran hands-on science activities for elementary students in grades 3-5. Over 900 elementary students participated in 36 activities. The activities focused on science processing and higher-level thinking skills which included graphing, extrapolation, measurement, estimation, inventing, communication, and inferring.

At the high school level, the Oliver Ames High School Science Team, under the supervision of coaches Ms. Annunziato and Mrs. Donahue, competed and earned a first place award in the regional Science Olympiad Competition. Under the supervision of Coach Deborah Margarite, the Envirothon Team competed in the State Envirothon Competition. Senior recipients of the Oliver Ames Science Achievement Award were Lara Basovic and Jimmy Fitzgerald.

In Social Studies, Middle School students participated in the annual Geography Bee. The eighth graders were involved in the National History Day competition. Students at the high school had opportunities that included Community Service, the International Travel Study program, Student Government Day, the Mock Trial program, the two-day Hockomock Senate, the Washington, D.C. Close Up program, the VFW Voice of Democracy contest, as well as awards from the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Foundation.

Shannon Pender was the winner of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Voice of Democracy Speech contest, while William Hamilton and Rachel Namenson were recipients of the Hugh O'Brian Leadership Awards. The Geography Bee winner was Manny Ramirez, and the National History Day district and state winners included Abi Baxter, Robert Capodilupo, Alycia Carroll, Molly Donovan, Shannon Holleran, Nora Maclane, Addy Marcus, Phil Michalowski, Amy Solov, and Hannah Williams.

In the English Department, several of the senior classes took a field trip to see the performance of *Taming of the Shrew* at Bridgewater Sate University during the fall. Sean McCarthy won the 2011 Will McDonough Writing Contest Award. Michael Lakin received the Charlene Howarth Award. Eric Benson, Emily Iddings, Patrick Keough, Rachel Kline, Noah Potash, Alex Spencer, and Katherine Wordon won the English Department's book awards.

Elementary school students continued to achieve and find success in a variety of forums. Among the areas to be highlighted are the following: the annual school-wide art shows at the Richardson and Olmsted Schools, the "Growing Up and Liking It" nights, Safe Routes to School Program, and the grade 5 National Geography Bee.

Other elementary activities included ongoing community service endeavors: the Dr. Seuss' birthday reading celebration activities; Open Circle/Social Competency Programs; Fire Prevention Program; the International Lions Club Peace Poster Contest; Portfolio Breakfasts; and, individual school programs for students included student councils, school stores, student newsletters and newspapers, reading incentive programs, family math and literacy nights, summer reading programs, and citizen of the month recognition.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

At Oliver Ames High School, more than fifty percent of all students participated in an athletic activity and approximately twenty five percent participated in music or drama.

A number of teams did extremely well this past year. Several Oliver Ames athletes were named to the Hockomock League All-Star Team, as well as a few being named to the Brockton Enterprise, Boston Herald, and Boston Globe All-Scholastic Teams.

Those athletes receiving recognition for their achievements are as follows: Hockomock League All-Stars: Cross Country - Drew Beck, Andrew Kerester, Jim Sullivan, Shannon Hickey, Robin Loewald, Maggie Harding, Jillian McAuliffe; Field Hockey – Jacqui Freeman, Caroline Less; Football – Alex Tepper, Keith Sullivan; Golf – Bob O'Donnell; Boys Soccer – Dave MacKinnon, Connor McCormack, Dave Stapleton; Girls Soccer – Emily Grotz, Kendall Andrew, Kristina Simonson; Volleyball – Candace Steadman; Softball – Elizabeth Bastinelas; Boys Basketball – Nick Bruha, Eric MacKinnon, Mason Pires; Girls Basketball – Nicole Bostic,; Ice Hockey – Andrew Taylor, Cory Weathers; Gymnastics – Val Cohen, Emily Krim; Swim – Matt Bates, Brett Johnson, Jacqueline Grover; Indoor Track – John Raduazzo, Laura Daly, Emily Grotz; Girls LaCrosse – Jocelyn Paul, Tina Simonson; Baseball – Jared Bloom, Ryan O'Shea, Troy Whitty; Spring Track – Drew Beck, Sean Gorham, John Raduazzo, Laura Daley, Emily Grotz. Brockton Enterprise All-Scholastics: Cross Country – Drew Beck, Andrew Kerester, Jim Sullivan, Shannon Hickey, Robin Loewald, Maggie Harding, Jillian McAuliffe, Sean Gorham, Dan Moverman; Football – Alex Tepper; Softball – Elizabeth Bastinelas, Nicole LeBlanc. Globe All-Scholastic: Cross Country – Drew Beck; Ice Hockey – Andrew Taylor. Boston Herald Scholars: Girls Soccer – Kendall Andrew; Hockomock Scholar Athlete: Indoor Track – Emily Grotz.

This past spring both boys baseball and girls softball teams qualified for the State Tournament. The baseball team finished in first place in the Davenport Division of the Hockomock League. The girls lacrosse team qualified for the State Tournament, while members of the boys and girls track teams qualified for the State Meet.

During the fall, both the boys and girls cross-country teams had successful seasons, winning the Hockomock League Championships in the Davenport Division. Each team qualified for the State Meet. In field hockey the girls also qualified for the State Tournament. In soccer both boys and girls teams competed in the State Tournament. The girls and boys soccer teams also won the Davenport Division of the Hockomock League. The football team won the Davenport Division of the Hockomock League, earning a playoff win over Pembroke High School. The team then played in the Super Bowl at Gillette Stadium losing to Concord-Carlisle. The golf team competed in the MIAA State Tournament.

In addition to the 25 varsity sports teams, students had the opportunity to participate in 14 junior varsity programs, 6 freshman programs, and 7 programs at Easton Middle School.

The Easton community and various booster groups again made significant contributions to our athletic program, helping to purchase new uniforms and to sponsor end-of-the-year awards banquets. The creation of the Hall of Fame in Easton also evidenced the wonderful support and direction provided by the residents of the town. The student athletes and coaches of Easton Public Schools are extremely appreciative of the emotional, financial and fan support provided by the community.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Educational research continues to show that enhancing teacher effectiveness through professional development has a clear connection to student achievement. All Easton Public Schools' professional development programs and activities are linked to the district's school improvement initiatives. The members of the Easton Public Schools' professional staff continued to build on their knowledge by participating in a number of both in-house and off-site professional development programs. During the 2011 calendar year, more than a third of the teaching staff participated in coursework at area colleges and universities. Thirty-seven professional development workshop programs, many of which included multiple sessions, were conducted on site. These workshops included more than 952 instances of staff participation, up from 650 in 2010. A tiered set of course offerings for working with second language learners was offered in order to develop continuous improvement towards expertise in this area. Twenty-seven educators participated in level one training; ten educators participated in level two training; and four educators participated in level three training.

As part of the Easton Public Schools' Mentor Program, all first and second year professional staff members received guidance and support from an assigned mentor. A total of fifty-six staff members (mentors and protégés) worked together in our mentor program.

Differentiated instruction was the primary professional development goal at the lower elementary level. Consistent with elementary school improvement plans, administrators and educators worked together to increase their knowledge base regarding differentiating instruction to meet the needs of all learners. Using assessment data to drive instructional decisions was a related topic. The focus of professional development at the upper elementary level was on implementing a new reading program. Educators took part in a variety of trainings throughout the year. Assessment, technology, classroom management, centers and using the program to differentiate instruction were some of the topics. The Easton Middle School continued its focus on Response to Intervention and Technology.

Oliver Ames High School began the year with a powerful presentation focusing on anti-bullying. Professional development focused on content-based instruction, differentiated instruction, Project Based Instruction and the development of interdisciplinary curricula.

CURRICULUM

Curriculum committees continued their work in providing leadership and direction regarding curriculum, instruction, professional development, and student learning initiatives. The following teachers and administrators co-chair the various committees: Art, Chair - Christine DiVirgilio; Curriculum Coordinating Council (CCC), Co-chairs - Cathy MacLeod and Nick Botelho; Early Childhood, Co-chairs - Teresa Davenport and Chris Getchell; Health, Chair - Kathy Kelly; Mathematics, Co-chairs – Nick Botelho, Mary Romans, and Shira Werb; Physical Education, Chair - Chris Power; Portfolio, Co-chairs – Cathy MacLeod and Wes Paul; Report Card, Co-chairs – Cathy MacLeod and Debra DiCenso; Science, Co-Chairs – Maria Annunziato and Gary Mazzola; Social Studies, Co-chairs – Debra Salisbury and Donna Tobin; Standing Task Force on English Language Arts and Reading (STELAR), Gr. K-5 Co-chairs – Cathy MacLeod and Debra DiCenso, Gr. 6-12 Co-chairs – Joanne Coffman and Jeanne Baxter; Technology (ETTF), Co-chairs – Chris Getchell and Donna Davey; World Languages, Chair – Ron Riley.

These committees met monthly with a focus on identifying essential understandings based on the common core standards, grade level vertical alignment of essential understanding, and developing common assessments. A five-year plan guides the implementation of curriculum renewal and is connected to fiscal and professional development planning.

The Curriculum Coordinating Council (CCC), which is comprised of faculty, administrators, and school committee representatives, continues to review and approve all district curriculum documents prior to School Committee review and adoption. In 2011 the council revised all curriculum evaluation documents and developed criteria to be included in all curriculum documents.

MCAS 2011

Again this year, Easton Public Schools' 2011 MCAS scores showed solid results throughout the district. Our results continue to exceed the State averages and compare quite favorably with scores of other districts across the Commonwealth. Our overall results placed the Easton Schools in the top twenty-five percent of all Massachusetts school districts.

CONCLUSION

This past year was again a time of significant change and transition within the school system. We continue to be extremely concerned about inadequate State Aid and the availability of appropriate resources to meet the expectations that we have for ourselves and our student population. We greatly appreciate the support of the Easton community, the School Parent Advisory Councils, School Councils, and our various booster groups; the extraordinary efforts of F.E.E.E. and the S.A.F.E. organization; the hard work and dedication of the School Committee; and, the excellent and cooperative working relationships among the members of the entire staff as well as between the schools and the town.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Green
Superintendent of Schools

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Overview

The Southeastern Regional School District offers twenty-three vocational/technical training programs at its four-year high school and full-year post-secondary program at the Southeastern Technical Institute. In 2010-2011, the School Committee included Mark Linde, Chairman—Brockton, Wayne McAllister—Brockton; Joseph Dutcher—East Bridgewater; Michael Pietrowski—Easton; Daniel Iagatta, III—Foxborough; William Flannery—Mansfield; Christopher DeLeo—Norton; Mindy Kempner—Sharon; Roberta Harback—Stoughton; and Robert Sullivan—West Bridgewater. Luis Lopes is the Superintendent of Schools. On October 1, 2010, there were 1,262 students enrolled in the high school and 121 adults were enrolled in the TI day program. There were 59 high school students attending from Easton.

High School

Under the direction of Principal David Wheeler, the Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School offered twenty vocational-technical programs for the high school students from Brockton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Foxborough, Mansfield, Norton, Sharon, Stoughton and West Bridgewater. The school's mission is to transform students into lifelong learners.

Southeastern Regional High School graduated 258 students in June, 2011, and had ninety-nine percent of the seniors pass the state required MCAS test. The Class of 2011 graduates also had a ninety-eight percent placement rate in full-time jobs, the military or post-secondary education.

During the 2010-2011 school year, Southeastern continued its dedication to the use of instructional technology, particularly in relation to literacy. Both vocational and academic teachers assign regular writing prompts using the My Access writing program. The program can be accessed anywhere, thus encouraging students to write from home, and allowing teachers to collaborate on writing assignments.

Experiential education continues to be a primary focus. In addition to cooperative education opportunities, students from the Early Education program work in area elementary schools as part of their vocational experience, and approximately 50 students participated in structured externships designed to extend their learning to live job sites.

As members of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA), the Massachusetts Vocational Athletic Directors' Association (MVADA) and the Mayflower Athletic Conference (MAC), Southeastern Regional offers 16 interscholastic sports programs at the varsity, junior varsity and freshmen level for both boys and girls. The fall season of 2010 was highlighted by an 8-3 regular season record and a second consecutive Vocational Bowl appearance by our football team as well as a tournament appearance by our boys' soccer team. Our golf team competed for the league championship, falling one win short. During the winter season of '10-'11, our wrestling program earned its first league championship since 1997. The boys' & girls' basketball teams and the hockey team all competed for league titles, and for the second consecutive year, all three teams qualified for their respective MIAA post season tournaments. The spring season of '11 was highlighted by the inaugural girls' lacrosse season (club status, to be Varsity status by Spring '14) as well as the MIAA south sectional semi-final appearance by our baseball team. Additionally, the track & field teams placed well in the MVADA tournament with the boys' team bringing home a runner up trophy.

Technical Institute

Southeastern Technical Institute, the adult and community educational component of the Southeastern Regional School District, provides three full-time day diploma programs and five part-time diploma and certificate programs. STI Director David Degan oversees the operation of the Technical Institute. Last year, STI served over 200 adults in our full and part-time programs. The full-time day programs include: Dental Assisting, Medical Assisting and Practical Nurse. The part-time evening programs include: Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning, Medical Health Claims Specialist, PC Specialists, Phlebotomy and Practical Nurse. Seven Easton residents attended these programs during the 2010-2011 school year. On-line program applications are available at www.sti-tech.info.

Each year, Southeastern students and staff complete thousands of hours in community service as part of their educational experience. The Practical Nursing programs, both day and evening, Dental Assisting, and Medical Assisting all have externships/clinical experiences as part of the curriculum requirement for graduation. In 2011, all thirty-two Practical Nurse graduates passed their licensure exam on the first attempt, and every Dental Assisting and Medical Assisting student who has taken their certification exam to date, has passed on the first attempt as well.

Southeastern offers three semesters of evening school classes each year to the local communities. Last year, over 800 adults registered and participated in our evening school courses. Evening school courses are scheduled Monday through Thursday, and range from one-night seminars to two and three night per week courses. The course offerings focus on enhancing skills for present employment or to ready a person for a new career path. A focus is placed on providing courses that meet national standards and provide nationally recognized certifications. Course information is distributed via printed publications that are mailed three times a year, newspaper inserts, and on-line listings. On-line registration and payment are available at www.sti-tech.info.

The school's mission is for all students to become lifelong learners. In order to accomplish this, the Southeastern Technical Institute provides adults with the knowledge and skills that will prepare them for gainful and meaningful employment. STI is constantly investigating new and emerging career paths, working with community agencies and employers to define the skills needed for employment in a career field with employment potential, advancement, and growth.

Southeastern Technical Institute offers Electrical and Plumbing apprenticeship classes, various computer classes at all levels in Excel, Word, QuickBooks and web design that are offered to the general public or may be customized for area companies. Southeastern has also partnered with community agencies such as Career Works, Mass Rehab, Department of Employment and Training, Workforce Investment Board, the City of Brockton Mayor's Office on Higher Education, and the Metro-South Chamber of Commerce offering adult educational programs.

During the past year, over 50 electricians, plumbers, and HVAC Technicians have benefitted from **FREE** sustainable energy courses in Solar Thermal and Photovoltaic design and installation. STI will continue to offer these **FREE** courses through June 2012 *(these programs are funded through the Massachusetts State Energy Partnership in partnership with the Brockton Workforce Investment Board and are funded in whole by a $5.973M grant awarded by the U. S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration).* For more information about the **FREE** sustainable energy programs, call 508-230-1575 or go to the STI website at www.sti-tech.info.

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2011 EASTON GRADUATES

Alger, Edward
Alger, Robert
Aubut, Colleen
Dolliver, James
Hughes, Joshua
Hunt, Benjamin
Pacini, David
Parker, Valentin

Pina, Shannon
Rego, Amanda
Reynolds, Scott
Rodriguez, Kathleen
Salvucci, Daniel
Simmons, Diana
Wheeler, Pierce
Wu, Richard

Report of the Town Collector
for the Year Ending June 30, 2011

	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2010	Commitments	Abatements Adjustments & Disclaimers	Tranfers to Tax Title	Collections, Net of Refunds	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2011
Personal Property						
Prior Years	1,910	-	-	-		1,910
2004	2,085	-	-	-		2,085
2005	6,877	-	-	-	-	6,877
2006	5,830	-	-	-	39	5,791
2007	5,755	-	317	-	16	5,422
2008	5,701		1,446	-	(1,404)	5,659
2009	10,151		-		1216	8,935
2010	11,484	-	-		(5,054)	16,538
2011		791,092	16,579		755,607	18,906
	$ 49,793	$ 791,092	$ 18,342	$ -	$ 750,420	$ 72,123
Real Estate						
Prior Years	520	-	-	-	-	520
2006	(1,254)	-	-	-		(1,254)
2007	931			-	873	58
2008	(18,112)		7,182	-	(25,294)	-
2009	884	-	88,011	7,720	(88,086)	(6,761)
2010	1,134,078	22,186	104,143	604,654	445,750	1,717
2011		41,900,376	272,019	295,554	40,701,927	630,876
	$ 1,117,047	$ 41,922,562	$ 471,355	$ 907,928	$ 41,035,170	$ 625,155
Motor Vehicle Excise						
Prior years	68,277	-	-	-	282	67,995
2004	14,715	-	-	-	558	14,157
2005	11,566			-	691	10,875
2006	14,141		-	-	474	13,667
2007	22,593	-	-	-	(236)	22,829
2008	40,692	1,031	945	-	13,498	27,280
2009	87,382	9,291	2,682		55,046	38,945
2010	147,197	353,409	31,780		415,145	53,681
2011		2,646,755	96,330		2,417,299	133,126
	$ 406,563	$ 3,010,486	$ 131,737	$ -	$ 2,902,757	$ 382,555
Trash User Fees						
2008	13,084		3,236	8,168	1,757	(77)
2009	39,762	-	6,722	-	13,841	19,199
2010	57,399	568	6,035	-	21,288	30,644
2011	129,491	588,651	11,661	-	649,418	57,063
	$ 239,736	$ 589,219	$ 27,654	$ 8,168	$ 686,304	$ 106,829
Water Rates and Services	$ 281,258	$ 2,671,570	$ -	$ 205,850	$ 2,522,585	$ 224,393

Report of the Town Treasurer
July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011

Bank Accounts		Balance June 30, 2010		+ Receipts		-Payments		Balance June 30, 2011
Cash - includes general fund, capitol projects, special revenues, enterprise funds, and agency funds	$	**20,148,460.25**	$	**102,739,606.78**	$	**101,680,734.03**	$	**21,207,333.00**
Trust Funds								
Stabilization Fund	$	2,023,809.24	$	30,882.89	$	1,170,000.00	$	884,692.13
Affordable Housing Truat	$	32,338.36	$	529,971.15			$	562,309.51
Conservation Fund	$	444,598.41	$	1,357.75	$	-	$	445,956.16
Unemployment Compensation	$	49,024.96	$	149.61	$	19,165.55	$	30,009.02
Police Forefeiture Account	$	7,848.39	$	41.54			$	7,889.93
Law Enforcement Trust Fund	$	7,445.33	$	22.69	$	22.69	$	7,445.33
Mary Stone Library Fund	$	6,316.64	$	60.73			$	6,377.37
Subtotal	$	**2,571,381.33**	$	**562,486.36**	$	**1,189,188.24**	$	**1,944,679.45**
Scholarship Funds							$	-
Ellen Atwood	$	2,357.95	$	22.67			$	2,380.62
Parker Ames	$	95,813.06	$	38,685.08	$	13,000.00	$	121,498.14
Mary A. Stone	$	6,987.95	$	67.17			$	7,055.12
World War Memorial	$	50,362.98	$	1,022.09	$	2,600.00	$	48,785.07
Young	$	3,534.02	$	33.99			$	3,568.01
Subtototal	$	**159,055.96**	$	**39,831.00**	$	**15,600.00**	$	**183,286.96**
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds								
Furnace Village Cemetery	$	23,344.16	$	224.42			$	23,568.58
Pine Grove Cemetery	$	4,295.66	$	3,006.27			$	7,301.93
Immaculate Conception	$	8,672.56	$	83.37			$	8,755.93
South Easton	$	11,296.01	$	108.60			$	11,404.61
Unionville & Town Cemeteries	$	15,127.68	$	145.42			$	15,273.10
Subtotal	$	**62,736.07**	$	**3,568.08**	$	-	$	**66,304.15**
Total Cash	$	**22,941,633.61**	$	**103,345,492.22**	$	**102,885,522.27**	$	**23,401,603.56**

TOWN OF EASTON, MASS.
INCORPORATED 1725

ANNUAL REPORT OF TAX TITLE

Balance - June 30, 2010			**$571,264.98**
Additions:			
New Tax Takings	**$**	**323,627.31**	
Deductions:			
Redemptions:	**$**	**166,755.45**	
Deferrals	$	-	
Balance - June 30, 2011			**$728,136.84**

Annual Report of the Town Treasurer/Collector
Debt Statement

FY2011

Long Term Debt Inside the Debt Limit	Outstanding July 1, 2010	+ New Debt Issued	- Retirements	= Outstanding June 30, 2011	Interest Paid in FY2011
Buildings	530,000.00	0.00	75,000.00	455,000.00	15,928.00
Departmental Equipment	250,000.00	470,000.00	100,000.00	620,000.00	5,375.00
School Buildings	22,055,000.00	0.00	1,050,000.00	21,005,000.00	903,769.00
School - All Other	1,235,000.00	30,000.00	95,000.00	1,170,000.00	46,408.00
Sewer	102,893.00	350,000.00	25,572.00	427,321.00	2,590.00
Solid Waste	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Inside	3,476,895.00	80,000.00	352,895.00	3,204,000.00	137,143.00
SUB - TOTAL Inside	$27,649,788.00	$930,000.00	$1,698,467.00	$26,881,321.00	$1,111,213.00

Long Term Debt Outside the Debt Limit	Outstanding July 1, 2010	+ New Debt Issued	- Retirements	= Outstanding June 30, 2011	Interest Paid in FY2011
Airport	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gas/Electric Utility	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hospital	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
School Buildings	10,360,000.00	0.00	1,325,000.00	9,035,000.00	434,462.00
Sewer	0.00	60,000.00	0.00	60,000.00	0.00
Solid Waste	3,083,105.00	0.00	297,105.00	2,786,000.00	122,650.00
Water	2,140,000.00	400,000.00	505,000.00	2,035,000.00	79,934.00
Other Outside	76,400.00	0.00	7,709.00	68,691.00	3,999.00
SUB - TOTAL Outside	$15,659,505.00	$460,000.00	$2,134,814.00	$13,984,691.00	$641,045.00
TOTAL Long Term Debt	$43,309,293.00	$1,390,000.00	$3,833,281.00	$40,866,012.00	$1,752,258.00

Short Term Debt	Outstanding July 1, 2010	+ Issued	- Retired	= Outstanding June 30, 2011	Interest Paid in FY2011
RANs - Revenue Anticipation				0.00	
BANs - Bond Anticipation:					
Buildings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
School Buildings	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	37,500.00
Sewer				0.00	
Water	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other BANs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SANs - State Grant Anticipation				0.00	
FANs - Federal Gr. Anticipation				0.00	
Other Short Term Debt				0.00	
TOTAL Short Term Debt	$3,000,000.00	$3,000,000.00	$3,000,000.00	$3,000,000.00	$37,500.00

GRAND TOTAL All Debt	$46,309,293.00	$4,390,000.00	$6,833,281.00	$43,866,012.00	$1,789,756.00

Authorized and Unissued Debt

Purpose	Date of Vote	Article Number	Amount Authorized	- Issued - Retired - Rescined	= Unissued 6/30/2011
Library	09/07/06	4	700,000.00	664,000.00	36,000.00
Septic WMPAT	05/11/98	60	200,000.00	137,657.00	62,343.00
Water Addition	06/04/01	8	150,000.00	0.00	150,000.00
Library Access Rd	05/20/02	12	400,000.00	0.00	400,000.00
School	01/13/03	22	66,000,000.00	62,802,784.00	3,197,216.00
Water Tank	06/12/06	28	600,000.00	450,000.00	150,000.00
Capital Improvements	05/21/07	23	425,000.00	265,000.00	160,000.00
School Boilers	05/19/08	11	250,000.00	0.00	250,000.00
Water Main	10/05/09	3	500,000.00	400,000.00	100,000.00
Wastewater Facility	04/05/10	3	1,560,000.00	60,000.00	1,500,000.00
Departmental Equipment	05/17/10	10	555,000.00	500,000.00	55,000.00
Dam	05/17/10	10	100,000.00	80,000.00	20,000.00
Wastewater Facility	05/16/11	10	4,860,000.00		4,860,000.00
Septic System	05/16/11	13	200,000.00		200,000.00
Land Acquisition	05/16/11	26	2,375,000.00		2,375,000.00
Water Main Replacement	05/16/11	27	985,000.00		985,000.00
Street Reconstruction	05/16/11	27	900,000.00		900,000.00
Building Improvement	05/16/11	27	445,000.00		445,000.00
Departmental Equipment	05/16/11	27	410,000.00		410,000.00
Building Improvement - Fire	05/16/11	27	215,000.00		215,000.00
					$16,470,559.00

SUB - TOTAL from additional sheet(s)	$0.00

TOTAL Authorized and Unissued Debt	$16,470,559.00

Short Term Debt Report by Issuance	Outstanding July 1, 2010	+ Issued	- Retired	= Outstanding June 30, 2011	Interest Paid in FY2011
April 23 2010 BAN - School		3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	0.00	37,500.00
February 23,2011 BAN - School		3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	
TOTAL	0.00	6,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	37,500.00

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

I hereby submit the report of the Town Accountant for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, which includes the combined balance sheet as of that date and the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund equity.

The office of the Town Accountant is responsible for the accounting and control of all town funds, disbursements, and financial records in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, the Massachusetts Department of Revenue and by-laws of the Town of Easton. In addition, responsibilities include maintenance of the Town's general ledger system including detailed records of cash receipts, appropriations and expenditures, and the closing of all financial books at the end of the fiscal year. The Town Accountant prepares financial statements and reports, assists in the preparation of the Town budget and works with the independent auditors on the annual financial and compliance audit. Our annual audit for the fiscal year was completed by Melanson, Heath & Company, PC of Andover, Massachusetts.

In 2011, we welcomed Alister Santos as an accounting intern for the 2011-2012 academic year. Alister is a graduate of Oliver Ames High School and is pursuing a degree in accounting from Suffolk University. During his internship, Alister has prepared spreadsheets, performed reconciliations and worked on a variety of projects. We are grateful for his assistance.

I would like to thank my assistant, Adilia Collazo and principal clerk, Peg Horne for their hard work and dedication to the Town. I would also like to thank all the Town Departments, Boards, Commissions and Committees for their cooperation and support this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy V. Nightingale
Town Accountant

TOWN OF EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP
JUNE 30, 2011

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Group	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Debt	Total (Memorandum Only)
ASSETS							
Cash and cash equivalents	5,070,264	13,462,731	-	1,280,143	3,588,465	-	23,401,603
Receivables:							
Real estate taxes	642,788	11,258	-	-	-	-	654,046
Personal property taxes	72,099	-	-	-	-	-	72,099
Tax liens and foreclosures	1,567,826	16,451	-	-	-	-	1,584,277
Utility user charges receivable	-	-	-	476,248	-	-	476,248
Utility liens	-	-	-	13,633	-	-	13,633
Betterments	-	31,893	-	130,575	-	-	162,468
Motor vehicle excise and other excise	382,768	-	-	-	-	-	382,768
Departmental and other	789,953	48,543	-	1,760	-	-	840,256
Intergovernmental	41,210	3,486	398,761	-	-	-	443,457
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(285,656)	-	-	-	-	-	(285,656)
Due from other funds	85,052	-	-	-	-	-	85,052
Fixed assets, net	-	-	-	-	-	153,619,379	153,619,379
Amount to be provided for payment of long-term obligations	-	-	-	-	-	41,797,827	41,797,827
Total Assets	8,366,304	13,574,362	398,761	1,902,359	3,588,465	195,417,206	223,247,457
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY							
Liabilities:							
Warrants payable	482,315	2,350	-	-	-	-	484,665
Accrued liabilities	630,137	-	-	-	-	-	630,137
Due to other funds	-	-	85,052	-	-	-	85,052
Deferred revenue	3,169,778	108,145	268,825	622,216	-	-	4,168,964
Tax refunds payable	963	-	-	-	-	-	963
Other liabilities	218,006	70,099	-	-	1,078,764	-	1,366,869
Notes payable	-	-	3,000,000	-	-	-	3,000,000
General long-term debt	-	-	-	-	-	41,797,827	41,797,827
Total Liabilities	4,501,199	180,594	3,353,877	622,216	1,078,764	41,797,827	51,534,477
Fund Equity:							
Retained earnings:							
Reserved	-	-	-	467,974	-	-	467,974
Unreserved	-	-	-	812,169	-	-	812,169
Fund Balances:							
Reserved for encumbrances	152,597	16,500	-	-	-	-	169,097
Reserved for continuing appropriations	480,961	7,500,000	-	-	-	-	7,980,961
Reserved for expenditures	1,600,535	1,470,409	-	-	-	-	3,070,944
Reserved for nonexpendable trust principal	-	-	-	-	74,446	-	74,446
Reserved for unexpended exempt debt	113,620	-	-	-	-	-	113,620
Reserved for petty cash	600	-	-	-	-	-	600
Unreserved:							
Designated for snow & ice deficit	(608,475)	-	-	-	-	-	(608,475)
Undesignated	2,125,267	4,406,859	(2,955,116)	-	2,435,255	153,619,379	159,631,644
Total Fund Equity	3,865,105	13,393,768	(2,955,116)	1,280,143	2,509,701	153,619,379	171,712,980
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	8,366,304	13,574,362	398,761	1,902,359	3,588,465	195,417,206	223,247,457

TOWN OF EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Group	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Debt	Total (Memorandum Only)
Revenues							
Property taxes	42,338,397	913,508	-	-	-	-	43,251,905
Excise taxes	2,915,169	-	-	-	-	-	2,915,169
Penalties, interest & fines	409,704	2,746	-	37,672	-	-	450,122
Licenses, permits and fees	1,441,367	-	-	-	-	-	1,441,367
Investment income	24,688	171,268	-	23,726	69,525	-	289,207
Departmental	-	788,347	-	-	-	-	788,347
Intergovernmental - state	12,358,838	941,666	804,661	-	-	-	14,105,165
Intergovernmental - federal	-	2,080,641	-	83,394	-	-	2,164,035
User charges	-	-	-	3,657,156	-	-	3,657,156
Other	1,070,774	2,748,550	-	1,269	145,743	-	3,966,336
	60,558,937	7,646,726	804,661	3,803,217	215,268	-	73,028,809
Expenditures							
General government	12,152,279	588,659	80,750	-	114,175	-	12,935,863
Public safety	7,458,593	654,484	73,843	-	21,293	-	8,208,213
Education	32,727,074	4,121,400	30,000	-	6,343	-	36,884,817
Public works	3,261,356	140,664	1,146,819	742,305	-	-	5,291,144
Water	-	-	-	1,622,023	-	-	1,622,023
Human services	793,185	68,909	-	-	-	-	862,094
Culture and recreation	467,722	244,326	-	-	-	-	712,048
Debt service	4,851,441	108,425	-	654,949	-	-	5,614,815
State and county assessments	637,032	-	-	-	-	-	637,032
Capital outlay	280,003	-	-	335,721	-	-	615,724
	62,628,685	5,926,867	1,331,412	3,354,998	141,811	-	73,383,773
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(2,069,748)	1,719,859	(526,751)	448,219	73,457	-	(354,964)
Other financing sources (uses):							
Proceeds from long-term borrowing	-	-	990,000	400,000	-	-	1,390,000
Transfers between funds	2,282,396	(461,635)	(423,578)	(547,753)	(849,430)		-
	2,282,396	(461,635)	566,422	(147,753)	(849,430)	-	1,390,000
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other uses	212,648	1,258,224	39,671	300,466	(775,973)	-	1,035,036
Beginning fund equity	3,652,457	12,135,544	(2,994,787)	979,677	3,285,674	153,619,379	170,677,944
Ending fund equity	3,865,105	13,393,768	(2,955,116)	1,280,143	2,509,701	153,619,379	171,712,980

2011 REPORT OF
THE CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
FY 2012 CAPITAL BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Department	Cap Planning Priority Ranking	Brief Description of Item	Initial Fiscal Year of Request	FY 2012 Requested	FY 2012 Funded(1)
Fire	1	Replace Ambulance (2004 model in FY12) - ***Committee recommends exploring cost opportunities for a less expensive vehicle***	10/16/2006	225,000	225,000
DPW	2	Replace Roof on Fire Station #3	3/13/2001	215,000	215,000
Fire	3	2 Lifepak Defibrillators - ***90% of this will now be funded from a grant. Committee recommends funding 10% match of $6,000***	10/26/2006	60,000	6,000
Police	4	Replace 2 marked police cruisers	annual	60,150	60,150
DPW	5	Foundry/Prospect St Intersection Improvements	3/8/2011	500,000	500,000
School Dept	6	New Special Education School Van		47,000	47,000
DPW	7	Replace Salt Shed at 130 Center St.	3/13/2001	230,000	230,000
DPW	8	Route 138 / Elm Street / Union Street Intersection Improvements Design - ***Committee recommends funding 1 project for $125,000 (Amount further reduced to $75,000)***	10/15/2009	250,000	75,000
DPW	9	Reconstruct Summer Street w/ sidewalks - ***Committee recommends funding $400,000 for sidewalks from Center St. to Randal St.***	10/7/2008	600,000	400,000
Council on Aging	10	Matching funds for EOT grants to replace shuttle vans	FY 2009	14,000	14,000
Data Processing	11	Annual replacement of servers, computers, routers and switches. $25,000 for computers and $5,000 for the more critical servers, switches and storage array equipment. (The previous 10 years to FY09, we had paid for these cyclic upgrades with money from Comcast.) (Total replacement cost of all equipment is about $280,000. This amount will allow me to replace the oldest equipment so that we avoid significant downtime in any area or department.)	FY09	30,000	30,000
School Dept	12	Technology - Upgrade Firewalls for both OA & FLO/HHR		6,100	6,100
School Dept	13	Technology - Virtualization of Server Infrastructure (OA)		50,000	50,000
School Dept	14	Technology - Prometheian Boards, Brightlink Projectors, Printers (Various Schools) - ***Committee Recommends $20,000***		61,805	20,000
DPW	15	Highway Dept - Paving Vibratory Roller	10/5/2010	15,000	15,000
Various	16	***FY 2012 Town Vehicle Replacements - Committee recommends funding $195,000 for vehicle replacements with priority to be assigned at the Town's discretion based on requests submitted. (Actual amount funded at town meeting was $162,000)***			
Board of Health	16	Piickup Truck - Replace 1999 Ford Truck	FY 12-16	20,000	20,000
DPW	16	Bldg & Grounds - 1-Ton Dump Truck w/plow - (replace 1995 Ford)	9/15/2007	40,000	40,000
DPW	16	Bldg & Grounds - Pickup Truck w/plow - (replace 1995 Ford)	9/15/2007	35,000	
DPW	16	Highway Dept - Pickup Truck w/plow - (replace 1993 Ford #10)	9/15/2007	35,000	35,000
Planning/Com Dev	16	Compact Vehicle - 4 door Hatchback to be used for inspections and in/out of town travel by Planning Department staff (Replaces 1996 Ford F-150)	2009	17,000	17,000
Police	16	Replace unmarked cruiser	10/12/2009	23,863	24,000
Police	16	Animal Control Van	10/16/2010	25,931	26,000

2011 REPORT OF
THE CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
FY 2012 CAPITAL BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Department	Cap Planning Priority Ranking	Brief Description of Item	Initial Fiscal Year of Request	FY 2012 Requested	FY 2012 Funded(1)
Data Processing	O	Replacement of Telephone System at Town Offices, DPW, Water Division & Fire Station 3. (Lease purchase to be funded from the operating budget, estimated at $1,600 per month. Current lease expires 11/30/10)	FY09	19,200	19,200
Water	O	Replace Skid-Steer Loader		20,000	20,000
Water	O	Replace Vehicle #121 F-250 Utility Truck		28,000	28,000
Water	O	Replace Vehicle #123 Hydraulic Service Truck		94,000	94,000
Water	O	Replace Vehicle #122 Dump Truck L-800		130,000	130,000
Water	O	Water Main Replacement Program		985,000	985,000
Sewer	O	North Easton Village Sewer Project - ***Committee Recommends with funding to come from State Revolving Funds at an interest rate not to exceed 2%***		3,300,000	3,300,000
Planning/Com Dev	O	Preliminary Design Funds for North Easton Village - ***Committee recommends so long as funding does not come from taxation or borrowing***	FY11	75,000	75,000
DPW	NR	Bldg & Grounds - New Heating System for Town Hall - ***Committee recommends waiting for outcome of funding from Green Communties grant application.***	9/28/2005	200,000	
Fire	NR	New Technology (Oxygen Generator Fill Unit) **-** ***Not recommended at this time***	5/28/2001	30,000	
Planning/Com Dev	NR	2011 Chevy Volt Electric Vehicle (replace 1996 Ford F-150) ***- Committee is against purchase of Volt due to newness of vehicle and recommends original request (compact vehicle in the amount of $17,000).***	2011	35,000	
School Dept	NR	Moreau Hall - Replace 2 existing boilers - ***Committee recommends waiting for outcome of MSBA grant application***	3/13/2001	305,000	
School Dept	NR	Parkview School - Replace Roof - ***Committee recommends waiting for outcome of MSBA grant application***	3/13/2006	664,000	
TOTALS				$ 8,446,049	$ 6,706,450

(1) Funded or borrowing authorized at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 16, 2011.

NR - Not recommended at this time
O - Other Source of funding such as water surplus or enterprise funds. Request recommend but not included in priority ranking order.

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee's primary functions are as follows:

1. Make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen on the selection of, and scope of services for, an independent auditor.
2. Review the annual financial statements and management reports prepared by the independent auditor and make recommendations with respect thereto.
3. Make recommendations for areas of operations where expanded scope audits or review of the internal controls may be appropriate.
4. Review and make recommendations with respect to the Town's financial management practices and controls; through the Town Administrator, review with the appropriate boards and departments opportunities to improve such practices and controls.
5. Report to the Board of Selectmen on the status of recommendations the Committee and/or independent auditor has made during the preceding twelve (12) months.

To that end, the Committee met three (3) times during the year ended December 31, 2011. During the year, the Committee was comprised of one (1) member of the Board of Selectmen, one (1) member of the Finance Committee, one (1) member of the School Committee, and two (2) at-large members. The Town's Accountant, Wendy Nightingale, also attended all meetings.

During 2011, the Audit Committee sent Request for Proposals for the Town of Easton Audit Reports for Fiscal Years 2011, 2012 and 2013. The Committee evaluated responses and recommended to the Board of Selectmen that the Town continue to engage Melanson Heath & Company, P.C., as their external auditors.

The other focus of the Audit Committee's meetings was to review the Independent Auditors' Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010 and the Management Comments for the same period. The Committee also kept apprised of the status of the on-going audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011. As of December 31, 2011, the Committee had not received the draft of the Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011.

The Committee welcomed two (2) new members during 2011: Mr. Daniel Murphy, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, and Mr. Jay Pike, Member-at-Large. Mr. Michael Sullivan, Member-at-Large, announced his resignation from the Committee. The Committee is extremely grateful to Michael for his years of dedicated service.

The current members and officers of the Town of Easton Audit Committee are as follows:

- Brenda DeCosta, Chair, Member-at-Large
- Donna Abelli, Vice Chair, appointed by the School Committee
- Michael Ferrara, Secretary, appointed by the Finance Committee
- Daniel Murphy, appointed by the Board of Selectmen
- Jay Pike, Member-at-Large

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda DeCosta

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2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT

The Annual Audit of the books and accounts of the Town of Easton for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2011 was made by Melanson Heath and Company, PC, and Certified Public Accountants. A copy of the report is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.

Jeremy P Gillis, CMC
Town Clerk

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION

The 2010/2011 winter snow season took its toll on everyone at the DPW. There were 20 snow events between December 19, 2010 and February 28, 2011 which totaled over 80 inches of snow and was rated the 7th snowiest winter on record.

Overall the DPW conducted 7-plowing operations and 32 operations to chemically treat the roads with sodium chloride and liquid magnesium chloride... 3,353 tons of salt and 21,000 gallons of magnesium chloride were used to treat the 140 miles of roadway over 400 streets in the town. During the plowing operations up to 75 vehicles were used during the heaviest storms which include 20 town vehicles and the remainder being private contractors.23 miles of sidewalk were plowed each storm especially around the school complex.

The DPW assisted the School Department with snow removal from the roofs at Center School, Moreau Hall, Parkview School and the Middle School.

In February the DPW was called to assist the Fire Department with roof collapses at Sunco located at 35 Eastman Street, Edwards Movers on Washington Street and D'Angelis Iron Works off Depot Street caused by the excessive snowfall.

Tropical Storm Irene arrived on Sunday August 28th. The entire DPW staff of 25 employees reported for work at 8:00am and we began immediately receiving calls for tree damage. During Sunday we received over 130 calls from the Police dispatch. Crews worked until midnight dealing with storm related issues. During the power outage the following week generators were used at the DPW on Center Street, Police and Fire Stations on Lothrop Street, Fire Station #3 and the DPW Water Division on Bay Road, High School, Middle School, Olmsted /Richardson School and the Water Division Pumping Stations for five days. Tree Division crews worked 12 hour days during the following week cleaning up storm debris along all town roads.

On Sunday October 30, 2011 we had one of the earliest snowfalls on record with 2" of snow in Easton. All roads were treated with salt Sunday morning. Power outages were experienced throughout town due to the high winds with extensive tree damage.

DPW Managers met with officials from Columbia Gas of Massachusetts regarding upcoming construction projects in Easton in an effort to coordinate gas main replacement with roadway improvements.

On March 8th the DPW Director made a presentation to the Capital Planning Committee regarding the addition of the Route 106 and Prospect Street Intersection project as part of this year's Capital Projects requests.

The DPW Director participated with School personnel and Engineers for the Massachusetts Department of Transportation regarding the Safe Routes to School Grant for the installation of new sidewalks between Western Ave and Lothrop Street through the School Complex.

The DPW participated in a preconstruction meeting with Blume Construction and Amory Engineers regarding the replacement of water mains this spring on Holmes Street, Pleasant Street and Linden Street.

The DPW Managers attended the Capital Planning Committee Meeting on April 13th to request funding for the North Easton Village District Sewer Project.

The DPW conducted a bid opening on July 21st for the reconstruction and installation of a new traffic signal at the Prospect Street / Foundry Street intersection. The low bidder was I. W. Harding of West Bridgewater at $392,832.51.

A very successful Household Hazardous waste collection day was held on Saturday April 16th at the DPW on Center Street with 471 residents participating.

The Community Pride Roadside Cleanup was held on Saturday April 16th and Sunday April 17th with dozens of Easton residents assisting the DPW in the 4th annual cleanup.

Arbor Day was celebrated on Friday April 29th with the planting of a Tree at the Police Station.

The Water Division held is Annual Open House and Poster Contest on Saturday April 30th at 417 Bay Road with approximately 100 attendees.

The Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee held its annual Awareness Day on Saturday May 14th in conjunction with the Mansfield Water Division. Tours of the new Treatment Plant were given and canoes were available for use on the river with twenty members and quests in attendance.

On June 30th, Easton was recognized as a Green Community hosted by The Department of Energy Resources Commissioner Mark Sylvia who presented Easton with a check for $168,300.00 for energy saving projects.

The Town received communication from The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs praising us for being a leader in Energy Efficiency and Clean Energy.

On April 20th the DPW Director and the attended a ceremony in Marlboro to accept the "Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Award for Sustainable Public Health Protection" for showing exceptional creativity and dedication to public health protection for our Solar Photovoltaic Installation from the Environmental Protection Agency.

On Monday September 19th the DPW participated in a pre-bid meeting at the closed landfill site on Prospect Street for the purpose of soliciting proposals to construct a solar field on approximately 8 acres on top of the landfill and an informational meeting for public input at the Oakes Ames Memorial Hall.

In 2011 the Easton GIS Specialist, Adriene Edwards continued to perform tasks including, but not limited to, GIS layer creation and editing, database and software updating, digitizing and geo-referencing paper maps, generating new map files, plotting maps, coordinating GPS data field collection, processing GPS data, and providing GIS data, maps, and support for Town of Easton Departments. Approximately 60 layers have been created "in-house" GIS map layers (these are comprised of map layer geometry and linked tabular information). Of these, 6 GIS map layers have been developed by using GPS data through importing and correcting over 6000 coordinates collected by DPW and Water Division personnel. Additionally, numerous paper maps have been scanned and geo-referenced for use in GIS to further the digitization of parcels and infrastructure including drainage, building floor plans, and water system components.

The data utilized in performing GIS mapping and analysis for Easton includes more than 200 Mass GIS map layers. The GIS Specialist maintains a strong relationship with the Mass GIS in order to keep current on data availability, educational seminars, and grant opportunities. An additional 50 map layers have been acquired through other sources (FEMA, NGRID, NREL/SUNY, EOT, and Navteq). 22 layers and 2 tables associated with assessor parcel data and annotation are maintained. In November of 2011 Easton's assessor parcel data was upgraded to meet the State's highest standard (Level III). This was made possible through a Mass GIS program, at no cost to the Town, making Easton eligible for future state GIS grants. GIS Day for 2012 will be held on November 21, 2012.

Participation in the Town's Trash Program, managed by the DPW, continues to grow each year. 2,950 96 Gallon recycling barrels were delivered to all of the Town of Easton/Waste Management customers to begin our new single stream recycling program on July 25th. Since the introduction of the new recycling barrels, participation has increased even further.

A replacement phone system has been installed that will provide state of the art performance and tracking capabilities along with improving customer relations.

The DPW Managers presented a PowerPoint Presentation explaining the functions of the DPW Divisions at the October Department Head Meeting.

The DPW managers presented their FY2013 Goals and Objectives to the Town Administrator.

DPW Managers completed submission of both annual and capital budgets for the DPW and in November, a presentation was made before the Capital Budget Committee of the Department's requests for FY2013.

A presentation was made to the Town Administrator on the draft FY2013 DPW Budget.

DPW Managers made a presentation to the Town Administrator on the requests for the FY'12 Capital Budget.

DPW staff provided testimony in support of the Old Colony Planning Council at the Boston Transportation Planning Certification Review Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization on Wednesday June 1, 2011.

Self evaluations were conducted for the Director and Managers and then reviewed with the Town Administrator.

During the year, the Town Administrator invited the DPW to participate in two film segments of his Town Manager show on Easton Community Access Television.

The Oliver Ames Envirothon Team came to the DPW to conduct research on this year's project regarding Sustainable Storm Water Management in Easton.

The DPW Director served as the Acting Town Administrator for several weeks during the vacation of the Town Administrator.

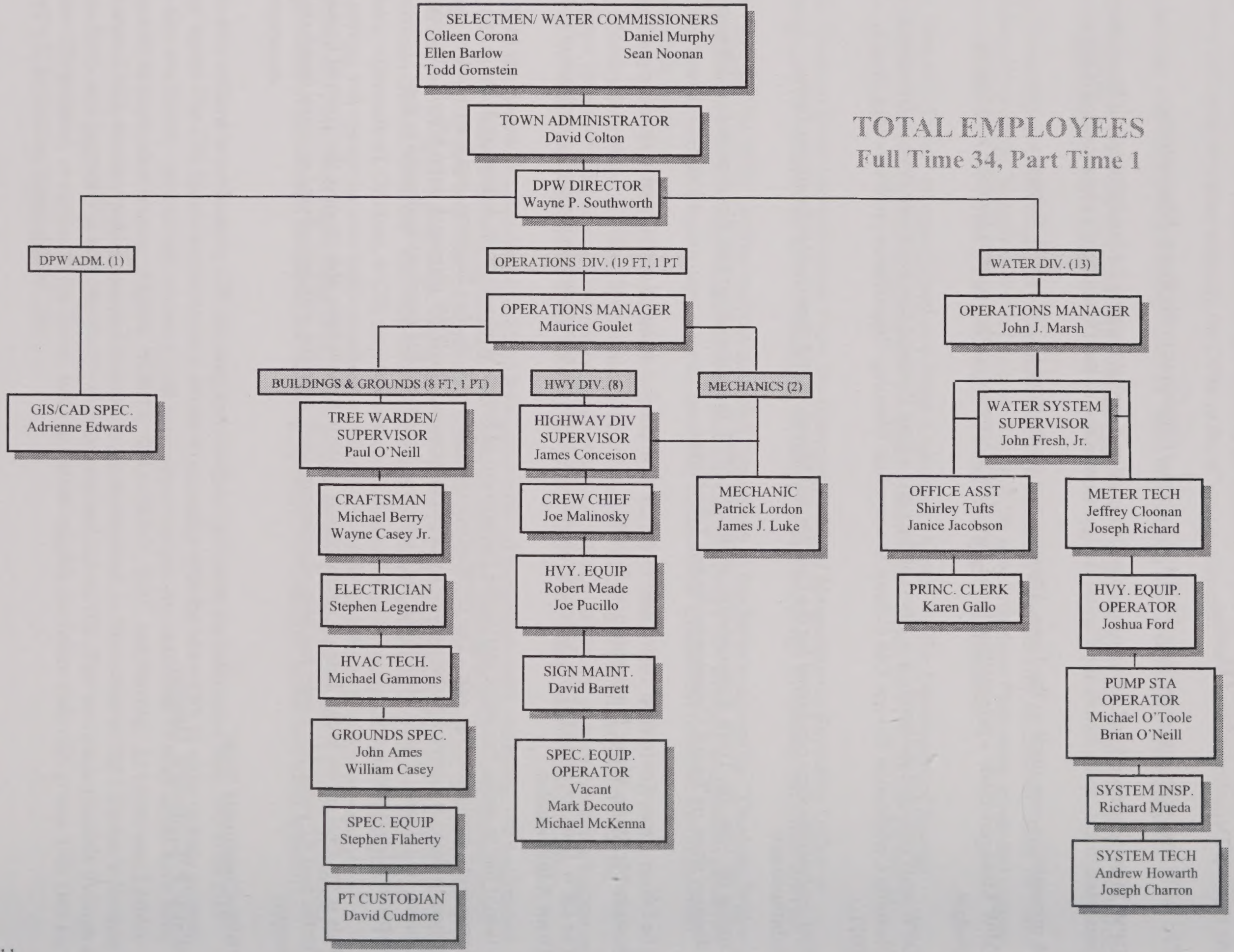
I would like to praise the entire staff at the Department of Public Works for their dedication to the community throughout the year. The DPW office staff Shirley Tufts, Jan Jacobson, and Karen Gallo strives to provide knowledgeable service to all our customers. The DPW managers, John Marsh, Maurice Goulet, John Fresh, Paul O'Neill and h Jay Conceison have provided excellent leadership to their respective Divisions.

This is my final report to the Town. I am extremely grateful to have been able to serve the Town of Easton for the past 42 years. My career has been phenomenal while working with and serving so many wonderful people.

"With Community Pride"

Wayne P. Southworth, Director

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - FY 12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Todd Gornstein
Daniel Murphy
Sean Noonan
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
David Colton
DPW DIRECTOR
Wayne P. Southworth
DPW ADM. (1)
GIS/CAD SPEC.
Adrienne Edwards
OPERATIONS DIV. (19 FT, 1 PT
OPERATIONS MANAGER
Maurice Goulet
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS (8 FT, 1 PT)
TREE WARDEN/ SUPERVISOR
Paul O'Neill
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Michael Berry
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PUMP STA OPERATOR
Michael O'Toole
Brian O'Neill
SYSTEM INSP.
Richard Mueda
SYSTEM TECH
Andrew Howarth
Joseph Charron

TOTAL EMPLOYEES
Full Time 34, Part Time 1

12/12/2011

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF DPW OPERATIONS DIVISION

DPW Operations: The Operations Division of the DPW, consisting of the Highway and Building and Grounds (including Fleet maintenance and Tree personnel) are involved with many projects to improve the town's infrastructure as well as the town's aesthetic character. Each year we face a variety of new challenges in which our staff responds to with great effort and determination.

Highway Department: This past year was one of the worst winters in long time in regards to snowfall. We were in a weather pattern where it seemed to snow every 2-3 days. Once the crew was able to cleanup through one snowplow operation, they were once again challenged with another significant snowstorm. It was a very weary winter to the employees and it takes its toll on the snowplow removal equipment as well. Some of their other notable tasks include pothole patching, roadside flail mowing, street sweeping, catch basin cleaning, snowplowing, sanding, sign installations and replacements, town-wide fleet vehicle maintenance, berm installation, and gravel filling. In October, the DPW welcomed Jay Conceison to the position of Highway Supervisor.

Building and Grounds Department: Some of the notable accomplishments of the Building and Grounds Department this year are tree clearing on Summer Street to allow contractors to install a new sidewalk along the roadway, being instrumental in clearing limbs and debris caused by Tropical Storm Irene in late August, and also cleared the entire town of hazards from the early arrival snowstorm in October. This department also handles many of the maintenance tasks of the school and town buildings such as electrical, HVAC, craftsman projects that include minor construction and the fields and cemetery upkeep. Some of the other responsibilities of the department include voting set-ups, field lining for sporting events, clean-ups, stump grinding, graduation set-ups and coordination, and chipping and brush cutting.

** A special thank you is given to Manny Mendonca who retired this past year. His abilities as a craftsman for the town were second to none. He is a true gentleman and his commitment to detail and his friendship will truly be missed. **

Trash Program: The Solid Waste and Recycling Program has made pronounced improvements this past year by obtaining and distributing brand new 96-gallon recycling carts to their subscribers. In conjunction with Cascade Cart Solutions, Inc. that manufactured and delivered these single stream green carts with yellow lids, have really streamlined recycling pickup within the town and has given residents a litter-free solution to contain all of their recyclables in one efficient, easy, maneuvering cart. A special thanks is given to Jan Jacobson for her continued support, leading to the success of this program.

This Division's utmost appreciation is extended to Paul O'Neill (Building and Grounds Supervisor/Tree Warden) and Jay Conceison (Highway Supervisor) and each one of our Division employees whom continue to demonstrate a high level of professionalism and a tremendous amount of support and dedication to the DPW and the community:
John Ames, Dave Barrett, Mike Berry, Bill Casey, Wayne Casey, Dave Cudmore, Mark DeCouto, Steve Flaherty, Mike Gammons, Steve Legendre, Patrick Lordan, Jim Luke, Joe Malinosky, Mike McKenna, Bob Meade, Manny Mendonca, Joe Pucillo

The DPW Operations Division would also like to thank the Water Division with Jack Marsh (Operations Manager) and John Fresh (Water System Supervisor) and their staff, for their continued support as well as the administrative personnel; Shirley Tufts, Jan Jacobson and Karen Gallo. This Division also recognizes Adrienne Edwards (GIS Specialist) as she continually improves on the mapping capabilities of the GIS in which most of the town relies.

** One last note: We would like to thank Wayne P. Southworth, DPW Director (who had retired this past December) for being a mentor and friend to many of us over his 42 year DPW career. Words can't describe the impact he has had on this Department and the community. He will be truly missed but we warmly wish him a long, healthy, happy retirement. **

Maurice G. Goulet
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DPW OPERATIONS DIVISION

Projects of 2011

HIGHWAY

Roadway Paving:		Feet	Miles
Summer Street (Cold Plane/Resurface)		8,208	1.55
Randall Street (Cold Plane/Resurface and Drains)		4,431	0.84
Chestnut Street (Resurface)		3,100	0.59
Main Street (Cold Plane/Resurface)		2,568	0.49
Lantern Lane (Resurface)		1,320	0.25
5 Corners (Reclaim/Resurface/Traffic Lights)		1,000	0.19
Rte 106/Prospect (Reclaim/Resurface/Traffic Lights)		800	0.15
	Total	**21,427**	**4.06**

Sidewalk Construction:		Feet	Miles
Summer Street (Bituminous Concrete)		3,400	0.64
	Total	**3,400**	**0.64**

Drainage Basins Cleaned:	**Total**		**450**
Drainage Basins Newly Constructed:	**Total**		**15**
Drainage Basins Remodeled:	**Total**		**56**

Berm Installation:		Feet	Miles
Various Locations Town-wide	**Total**	**620**	**0.12**

Traffic Marking: (Linepainting)		Feet	Miles
Various Locations Town-wide	**Total**	**297,435**	**56.33**

Linepainting Crosswalks:		Each
Various Locations Town-wide	**Total**	**103**

Crack-Sealing Roadways:	Feet	Miles
South Street	2,967	0.56

Eastman Street		2,698	0.51
	Total	**5,665**	**1.07**

Fleet Maintenance:		Vehicles
Various Town Departments	**Total**	**115**
Street Sweeping:	**From 3/14/11 to 11/10/11**	
Town-wide		
Flail Mowing:	**From 5/30/11 to 10/26/11**	
Town-wide		
Sanding Operations:		Events
Town-wide	**Total**	**22**
Snowplowing Operations:		Events
Town-wide	**Total**	**11**

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Tree Removal/Trimmed		Each
Town-wide	**Total**	**960**
Stump Removal		Each
Town-wide	**Total**	**68**
Cemetery Maintenance		Each
Town-wide	**Total**	**29**
Field Maintenance		Each
Town-wide	**Total**	**22**
Playground Maintenance		Each
Town-wide	**Total**	**8**
Field Lining for Sporting Events		Days
Town-wide	**Total**	**18**
Christmas Tree Disposal		Each
Town-wide	Total	**409**

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF EASTON WATER DIVISION

MISSION STATEMENT
The Easton Water Division is dedicated to providing, protecting and preserving today's water supplies for tomorrow's consumers. Our commitment is to supply quality water that complies with all State & Federal standards, provide education and excellent customer service, and to be the leaders of our profession.

I respectfully submit the following report and pumping record for the year 2011.

Month	Gallons	Month	Gallons
January	48,937,000	July	81,142,000
February	46,262,000	August	67,003,000
March	48,523,000	September	57,116,000
April	52,233,000	October	47,891,000
May	55,648,000	November	43,731,000
June	73,307,000	December	46,548,000
		Total Pumped	668,341,000

The greatest amount pumped in one day was 3,429,000 gallons on June 7, 2011.

The Water Division responded to 2,472 service and emergency calls:
Connected 27 new services for a total of 7,343 active services
Replaced 854 meters
Renewed 11 services
Repaired 16 service leaks
Repaired 19 broken water mains
1 – 1" main, 4 – 6" mains, 12 – 8" mains, 2 - 12" main
Thawed 1 frozen service
Repaired 17 fire hydrants
Replace 7 fire hydrants
Preformed routine maintenance on 333 hydrants

In 2011, new subdivisions and water main improvements added to our system:
33' of 6" water main
2937' of 8" water main
6 new fire hydrants
15 new valves

We now have a total of 162 miles of water mains, 1,390 hydrants and 3,198 street valves in our system.

The Water Division read 86,103 meters during the past year. All reading data is analyzed to help meet state regulations and also used as a tool to help notify customers of potential leaks within their plumbing systems. We processed 29,220 routine water bills, 280 property transfer bills and 315 miscellaneous bills. We mailed out 579 Conservation Letters notifying consumers of potential leaks within their plumbing system.

This completed the twenty-second (22nd) year of our Backflow Prevention Program. Since 1989, we have conducted 1074 surveys of facilities to ensure appropriate backflow prevention devices. This year 65 commercial buildings, 8 institutional buildings and 6 municipal buildings were surveyed. We have 296 testable devices in the system, 169 double check valve assemblies, 127 reduced pressure zone backflow preventers and 14 non-required devices. This year 387 backflow prevention device tests were performed.

In order to meet the requirements of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, we have taken the following samples for analysis:

535	Bacteriological
7	Nitrate
5	Nitrite
2	Routine chemical
7	Secondary contaminants
7	Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)
7	Synthetic Organic Compounds (SOC)
16	Trihalomethane
16	Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)
7	Perchlorate
6	Inorganic (IOC)

Our 50 kW Solar Photovoltaic Project located at our Pumping Station #2 has now been up and running for a little over 15 months. This year we have produced 55,000 kWh or $7,315.04 in avoided electrical costs. Since the system was commissioned in September of 2010 we have produced 67,445 kWh of power with a value of $8,970.23 in savings. This would equate to enough energy to power an average American house for 6.4 years.

We continue to survey the water system for leaks using conventional and digital correlation technology. We have completed 31 system-wide leak surveys since 1982. This program enables us to maintain low unaccounted-for water.

Water system flushing is a crucial element of maintaining our water system. We completed our 18th consecutive annual system-wide unidirectional (UDF) flushing program during the month of April. Unidirectional flushing is a technique that removes mineral and biological deposits in water lines by moving water through the mains at high velocity in a single direction. This program is our most effective tool in maintaining water quality and delivery of safe water to your tap.

The Water Division completed its system improvements along Sheridan Street and Day Street (Sheridan Street to Lincoln Street) this spring. This project consisted of renewing the water services by transferring them from the water mains that were installed in the late 1800's to the newer 12" ductile iron water main that was installed in 1978. The purpose of this project was to eliminate all of the older water main along Sheridan Street.

We conducted our Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on April 16, 2011 with 471 residents participating. I would like to thank the Easton Lions Club for their continued effort in assisting in this event with the collection of televisions, computer monitors, and white goods. Our collection day for 2012 has been scheduled for April 21th.

The Water Division hosted its 27th Annual Open House on Saturday, April 29, 2011 with the highlight being the Award Ceremony of our Annual Water Conservation Poster Contest. Hundreds of posters are judged from the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. This contest could not be possible without the excellent cooperation of the Easton School System—especially, Dr. Michael A. Green, Superintendent of Schools, Christine DiVirgilio, Achim Krasenbrink, Betty Minuskin and Debbie Balcarck of the Art Department. This contest provides a perfect medium to educate the students to the value of water and the need to protect it. We look forward to our 28th Open House being held on April 28, 2012.

We assisted the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee in its efforts throughout the year. We attended 7 of their 11 scheduled meetings. We also attended their 24th annual awareness day held at the Mansfield Water Treatment Plant on May 14, 2011.

I would like to congratulate Wayne P. Southworth on his retirement. Wayne had been employed by the Town as Water Superintendent for 31 years before becoming DPW Director for an additional 11 years. I cannot thank him enough for the guidance and friendship he has provided to me for the past 32 years. He has been a leader within the water works community and has the highest level of respect of anyone I know within the industry. On behalf of the entire staff and the water works community I would like to wish him the best of health and happiness in his well-earned retirement.

The Water Division continues to remain leaders within the water works industry. Our employees are dedicated and committed to their jobs. As a manager, it is certainly rewarding to have employees of this caliber and I would like to personally thank all of them for their continued efforts: Shirley Tufts, Janice Jacobson, Karen Gallo, John Fresh, Jr., Richard Mueda, Joshua Ford, Joseph Richard, Jeffery Cloonan, Michael O'Toole , Joseph Charron, Brian O'Neill and Andy Howarth.

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2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee held ten meetings during the year. The meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month and are rotated within one of the five communities of Easton, Sharon, Foxborough, Mansfield and Norton.

On February 3, 2011, David McGowan, Land Protection Specialist from the Nature Conservancy discussed the Nature Conservancy as well as his role in land preservation in southeast Massachusetts.

The 24th Annual Canoe River Awareness Day took place on May 14, 2011, at the Mansfield Water Treatment Plant. Several dozen people attended as well as a State Representative, a member of the Mansfield Board of Selectmen and a representative of the Mansfield Natural Resources Trust. Informative tours of the water facility were provided and many people went out on the canoes.

On April 7, 2011, the Committee voted to send a letter of support for the Town of Norton's Open Space and Recreation Plan.

On June 2, 2011, Kathy Romero of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection attended the monthly meeting and discussed her work in water source protection as well as her role as liaison to the Safety Drinking Water Advisory Committee.

On August 4, 2011, Kelley Freda of the Massachusetts Division of Conservation and Recreation presented an overview of the Division's efforts to educate people regarding animal waste and the importance of preventing it from entering the water supply.

On November 3, 2011, the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee voted to oppose any chemical treatment of Beaumont's Pond in the Town of Foxborough and is in favor of the proposed method of lowering the water level at Beaumont's Pond. This opposition was conveyed to Foxborough Conservation Commission Chairperson Jane Pierce.

Throughout the year, the Committee was involved in the development stages of a Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee Educational Outreach Kiosk.

Early preparations were discussed for the CRAAC 25th Anniversary Celebration to be held at the Sharon Community Center on September 14, 2012,

The committee would like to thank Karen Gallo of the Town of Easton Water Division, Antonetta Ackerman of the Town of Sharon Water Department, Eileen Zinni of the Town of Foxborough Water Department and Jan Fowler Easton Committee member for their assistance in producing our minutes.

The committee would also like to thank Adrienne Edwards for her design and maintenance of our web site. Please visit our website: www.craac.org

NOTICE

THE CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL MEET THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 1:00 PM IN ONE OF THE TOWNS OF EASTON, MANSFIELD, NORTON, FOXBOROUGH, OR SHARON.
THE FOLLOWING **2012** SCHEDULE IS AS PLANNED:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2012	EASTON WATER DIVISION
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2012	SHARON COMMUNITY CENTER

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2012	FOXBOROUGH PUBLIC SAFETY BLDG
THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2012	NORTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2012	MANSFIELD TOWN HALL
THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2012	EASTON WATER DIVISION
THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2012	SHARON COMMUNITY CENTER
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2012	FOXBOROUGH PUBLIC SAFETY BLDG
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2012	NORTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2012	MANSFIELD TOWN HALL
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2012	EASTON WATER DIVISION

Present Membership

Norton
Frances Shirley
Jennifer Carlino (6/30/12)
Jonathan Rowe

Foxborough
Robert W. Boette (6/30/12)
Joan F. Sozio (6/30/14)
Leo Potter (6/30/13)

Sharon
Gregory Meister
Dave Masciarelli

Easton
John H. Fresh, Jr. (06/30/13)
Wayne P. Southwort (06/30/12)
Janice L. Fowler (6/30/14)

Mansfield
Edward Tartufo (6/30/14)
Leonard F. Flynn (6/30/12)
Kevin O'Donnell (6/30/13)

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE EASTON FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

OPERATIONS

2011 was a very busy year for the Easton Fire Department. The department responded to a total of 3293 incidents in 2011. A total of 6486 pieces of apparatus were utilized to handle those incidents. The department responded to 61 fires in structures, 30 brush fires, and 10 vehicle fires. The department also responded to 1582 medical emergencies and 292 automobile accidents. A total of 1382 patients were transported to local hospitals. The remainder of the responses can be categorized as either investigations of potentially hazardous situations or public service calls.

New firefighter / paramedic Shawn Goyette was appointed to the department in December to fill a vacant position that was funded at the annual town meeting. He completed an orientation / training period with the department and is expected to complete a twelve-week intensive recruit training program at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy in the fall of 2012. Firefighter Michael Greene was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in October. He will be completing the Fire Officers training program through the fire academy.

I must emphasize again that we are still considerably under-staffed for a department that is required to cover 29.4 square miles and protect over 23,000 residents. The total compliment of fire department positions as of December 31, 2011 is thirty-four (34). The department had thirty-five (35) funded positions back in 1987 when personnel were added to staff a third fire station. As a result, it is continues to be extremely difficult to handle the escalating demands for service with the very limited on-duty staffing. The incidence of multiple emergency calls taking place simultaneously increases each year as the town continues to grow. Citizens are being forced to wait for dangerously long periods of time for the arrival of emergency vehicles because the on-duty personnel are committed to other calls. Similar conditions exist in our surrounding communities as well. This is creating greater delays in the availability of mutual aid resources.

At the annual town meeting in May, two (2) previously funded firefighter positions were eliminated. Overtime funding provided through a federal grant program in FY09 and FY10 were also exhausted. As a result, the Depot Street Fire Station was closed in July and August and may have to be closed again before the end of the current fiscal year. Research conducted by the "Firehouse Study Committee" in the spring re-emphasized the need to have three (3) staffed fire stations to provide adequate coverage for the town.

With insufficient staffing, the safety of the personnel responding to the needs of the community is jeopardized. As mentioned above, with increasing frequency there are times when all available on-duty personnel are committed to one call leaving no one available to respond to the next incident.

Again, to emphasize how critical the situation has become, in 2011, Easton Fire Department apparatus (fire trucks and ambulances) responded on mutual aid to assist all our surrounding communities 77 times (53 Ambulance calls & 24 Fire calls). Yet we had to call apparatus in from other communities 215 times to assist us (196 Ambulance calls & 19 Fire calls). There were 1382 patients transported to area hospitals in 2011. 188 of those patients were transported by out of town ambulances. Not only were there delays in providing emergency services while waiting for the mutual aid ambulances to arrive, but there was also a loss of revenue to the Town of Easton (the transporting ambulance bills for services). From the chart below, you can see that each year we are relying too heavily on our neighboring communities to provide the services we cannot provide with current staffing levels.

Patients transported by mutual aid ambulances

2000 = 116 or 10.3%
2001 = 103 or 10.2%
2002 = 125 or 12.7%

2003 = 137 or 14%
2004 = 147 or 14%
2005 = 172 or 15%
2006 = 166 or 14%
2007 = 146 or 12%
2008 = 191 or 14%
2009 = 171 or 13%
2010 = 179 or 13%
2011 = 188 or 14%

Mutual aid is a concept that has been utilized by the fire service for over a century. It is a system designed to help every city and town deal with those **unusual incidents** that a community cannot handle on their own. After the events of September 11, 2001 local fire and police departments are expected to be the "first line of defense" against terrorist activities and events involving weapons of mass destruction. However with current staffing levels, we must rely on mutual aid just to handle the day-to-day routine calls. With all neighboring cities and towns experiencing financial difficulties, mutual aid may not be as reliable as it has been in the past. This will further reduce our ability to provide the emergency services expected and demanded by the citizens of Easton. **Seven (7) or fewer firefighters on-duty is not adequate to safely cover the Town of Easton.**

As everyone is aware, a severe financial crisis is impacting government on all levels. The Easton Fire Department continues to seek alternative funding sources. However, the availability of federal and state grants is decreasing making it more difficult to obtain funding for needed firefighting equipment and fire safety programs. This year, at the state level, we were fortunate to receive a Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) grant in the amount of $4,100.00. This funding is used to present fire education programs in the schools. The fire equipment grant program previously used to purchase costly rescue equipment has not been funded in the state budget for the past four (4) years.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Firefighting and emergency medical training are vital to ensuring that the Easton Fire Department is able to respond effectively and efficiently to the many calls for assistance that we receive. Most of the training is conducted "in-service" while the personnel are on duty, but many members take advantage of training and educational opportunities on their own "off-duty" time. Captain James Walsh is the department's training officer and coordinates the training activities. We frequently work directly with the instructors and training staff of the Department of Fire Services Massachusetts Firefighting Academy as well as training instructors from surrounding communities. This ensures that firefighting practices and procedures keep pace with new advances in technology and tactics. For that past four (4) years, the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy has sponsored a monthly "Senior Fire Officer Forum". This training format has brought nationally recognized speakers to the Commonwealth to instruct members of the fire service.

On an annual basis all EMTs, from the basic level to the paramedic level, are required to complete many hours of continuing education in order to improve their ability to deliver high quality medical care. Our EMS Training Coordinator FF / Paramedic Scott Brennan and Advanced Life Support coordinator Lieutenant / Paramedic Evan Malone conduct most of the medical training for department members along with offering CPR and first-aid training to various groups in the community. Doctor Henry Crowley has been contracted to be our ambulance service medical director and is committed to providing oversight over the entire medical delivery system. He has been conducting training sessions for all of our medical personnel and responds to emergencies when available to offer expertise and "hands-on" assistance.

PUBLIC EDUCATION AND FIRE PREVENTION

The most important function of any Fire Department is to prevent the occurrence of situations that produce injury, death, destruction of property, or negatively impact our environment. We try to accomplish this through our Public Education and Fire Prevention division.

The S.A.F.E. (Student Awareness of Fire Education) Program is now in its 17th year. This program is a cooperative effort between firefighters, school principals, teachers, and students. The program was originally developed and continues to be funded through a state grant. Through the determined efforts of Captain David Beals, FF Larry Blye, and FF Chris Mills the Easton Fire Department S.A.F.E. program has been a huge success and continues to grow even when funding is shrinking. I am also proud to say that our Legislators (Senators Brian Joyce and Thomas Kennedy as well as Representatives Geraldine Creedon, Christine Canavan, & Angelo D'Emilia) all voted in favor of funding this program recognizing its importance even in a time of fiscal constraint. We are fortunate to have legislators that always support public safety programs.

Captain Jeffrey Webster is serving as our fire prevention officer. The demands on the Fire Prevention office are continuing to increase. Hundreds of residential, commercial, and industrial inspections were completed during the year. Recent changes in fire and building codes have created a need for more detailed inspections and oversight of proposed building projects.

FIRE ALARM

Captain James Walsh performed repairs and maintenance procedures to the municipal fire alarm system throughout the year. Several new radio activated fire alarm boxes were installed. Master alarm boxes activated by a building's internal fire alarm system were installed at the following locations; Stonehill College Merkert-Tracy Building, and in the newly constructed 5-story dormitory.

APPARATUS AND STATIONS

At this time, I am pleased to report that our fire apparatus is currently in good condition.

Engine # 1 is our only backup pumper. Built in 1992, it is approaching the twenty (20) year old mark. The exterior of the vehicle was refurbished in 2004 which has extended its use. However the engine, transmission, and pump are showing signs of wear and tear. This vehicle will have to be replaced in the near future.

Engine # 2was purchased in 1999 and is still running as a front line pumper. This vehicle should be refurbished or placed in reserve in the near future.

Funding was approved at the May town meeting to purchase a new ambulance. The new unit will replace the 2004 ambulance.

I have requested funding through the Capital Budget Committee process to purchase new portable radios. The radios are a critical safety device used by our personnel on a daily basis. The radios being used currently are twelve (12) years old and in need of replacement. I have also requested funding to purchase two (2) defibrillator/monitors. One of the recommendations of the Firehouse Study Committee was to outfit our front line pumpers with advanced life support equipment (ALS) which will give our paramedics the ability to provide ALS treatment while waiting for mutual aid ambulances to arrive in the event our ambulance is not available.

Fire Station # 2 on Depot Street, our oldest station, is in need of repairs or replacement. This station was built in 1934 under a Federal WPA project. As a result of town meeting vote in 2009, a new "overlay district" was created in the Washington and Belmont Street area. This will allow for the construction of the proposed "Queset Commons". One of the projects mitigation criteria is for the developer to make extensive repairs to the Depot Street Fire Station. Several years have now passed. An alternative means of funding may have to be sought to address the repair needs of the Depot Street station.

Funding was approved at the May town meeting to replace the roof on Fire Station # 3 (Bay Road). Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2012.

PERSONNEL

In September, I announced that I would be retiring in January 2012 after serving for over thirty-three (33) years as a member of the Easton Fire Department the last nine (9) years as your fire chief. In November, a complete and thorough process was completed to select a new fire chief. In December, Kevin P. Partridge was appointed fire chief. He has served previously as a fire chief in the towns of Berkley and Avon. For the past several years, he has held the position of Director of Emergency Response & Homeland Security with the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services. Chief Partridge has exemplary qualifications and a great deal of experience in the fire service. We will work together in January to ensure a smooth transition.

Mission Statement:

> "The Easton Fire & Rescue Department is committed to protecting the people, property, and environment within our community. We will be responsive to the needs of our citizens by providing rapid, professional, humanitarian services essential to the health, safety, and well being of the community. We will accomplish our mission through fire prevention, fire safety awareness education, fire suppression, emergency medical services, and other related emergency and non-emergency activities. We will actively participate in our community, serve as role models, and strive to effectively and efficiently utilize all of the necessary resources at our command to provide a product deemed excellent by our citizens. ALWAYS READY, PROUD TO SERVE"

TO REPORT A FIRE OR ANY EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

For other Fire Department business or assistance, dial 508-230-3311

Additional phone numbers;
Fire Chief's Office 508-230-0750
Fire Prevention Office 508-230-0750
Fax Number 508-238-2891

CONCLUSION

On a personal note, I would like to thank all the officers, firefighters, and the department's administrative secretary (Pam Berglund) as well as the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, all the Department heads and members of the various Town boards and committees for their assistance and cooperation. It has truly been an honor and privilege to serve as your fire chief for the past nine (9) years.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas F. Stone, Fire Chief

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

I respectfully submit the Annual Town Report of the Easton Police Department:

Our Mission Statement:

- Preserve freedom by protecting life and property, ensuring that the constitutional rights of individuals are upheld, maintaining order and encouraging respect for the laws of our commonwealth and of our nation.
- Earn the respect of all individuals, by maintaining a well-trained, professional and accountable police department that performs its duties with diligence, integrity and impartiality.
- Reduce and prevent crime by implementing effective crime prevention strategies.
- Partner with our community organizations, leaders, and citizens to resolve community problems using the community policing philosophy.

The Easton Police Department presently has thirty-one police officers, seven civilian dispatchers, one executive assistant the Chief and one part time administrative assistant. We also have one part time Animal Control Officer, Betty DeRosa. There are also three crossing guards who assist students in safely walking to and from school.

There were three retirements this year. Officer Denise Papagno retired after twenty years of service. She performed an outstanding job of raising awareness of domestic violence. She formed the town's domestic violence taskforce, served as the department's domestic violence officer, and founded HUGS II, a non-profit organization that educates communities about domestic violence while assisting victims and their families. Detective Sergeant William Fulcher also retired. He worked for this department for thirty-six years and leaves with an outstanding reputation of integrity and hard work. Officer Leonard Coe was appointed as a new detective and Det. Sgt. John Lynn is in charge of the detective bureau.
John Melin also retired. He served as the Town's Animal Control Officer for seventeen years.

There are several major road construction projects that were undertaken this year. The "Five Corners" is being reconstructed and reconfigured. There are new traffic lights and turning lanes. The other significant road construction project is the installation of traffic signals at Prospect Street and Foundry Street. The lights have been installed, but not yet activated.

The Town saw a dramatic increase in housebreaks this year, double the number from last year. This increase is partly due to the difficult economic situation, the rise in price of gold and silver, and the relatively low price of drugs such as heroin. Thanks to the efforts of our police officers, our detectives, and assistance from the community, numerous arrests were made and the number of housebreaks significantly dropped during the last quarter of 2011.

The Easton Police Department was awarded accreditation status from the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission in January of 2011. In order to be an accredited police agency, a police department must meet certain standards established by the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission. These standards reflect the best professional practices in each area of police management, administration, operation and support services. The Easton Police Department had to prove compliance with 252 mandatory standards and a minimum of 80 optional standards to be eligible for accreditation. Lt. Gary Sullivan deserves credit for his hard work on this project.

The Town is still recovering from the economic problems of several years ago. There were significant cuts to the budgets of all town departments. The police budget was cut by over $200,000 which was mostly absorbed by the loss of two police positions due to the retirements of two officers. Hopefully next year will see an improvement in the overall economic situation of the country and the state.

We still have two officers serving as School Resource Officers. Officer George Allen is at the Oliver Ames High School and Officer Carolyn Gurney is at the Southeastern Regional High School.

I am very proud of all of our staff and grateful for the great cooperation I receive from other department heads, the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen.

2011 CRIME STATISTICS

TOTAL INCIDENTS	**14,021**
CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS	
Murder	1
Suicides	4
Attempted Suicides	9
Rapes	0
Sexual Assaults	4
Robberies	4
Assault & Battery/Weapons	8
Assault & Battery	24
PROPERTY CRIMES	
BREAKING & ENTERING	
B & E Residence	105
B & E Motor Vehicle	81
B & E Business or building	28
B & E Attempts	21
LARCENIES	
Larcenies over $250	76
Larcenies under $250	71
Larceny of Motor Vehicles	10
Recovered Stolen Motor Vehicles	3
Shoplifting	39
IN CUSTODY	
Total Arrests	180
Impaired Driving Arrests	34
Protective Custody	6
MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES	
Domestic Violence	30
Disturbance	58
Disorderly Persons	16
Noise Complaints	125
General Service	755
Missing Persons	29
Vandalism	167

Alarms	1305
Annoying Phone Calls	31
Animal Complaints	251
Barking Dog Complaints	25

ACCIDENTS

Fatal Accidents	1
Property Damage Accidents	335
Personal Injury Accidents	68

PERMITS & CITATIONS

Traffic Citations	2313
Pistol Permits/FID's Issued	246

For questions, comments or concerns please contact either:

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Chief Allen Krajcik, telephone: 508-230-3322, email: akrajcik@easton.ma.us
Our website is: www.eastonpd.com

Respectfully submitted,

Allen R. Krajcik
Chief of Police

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

The Animal Control Department is responsible to enforce the State, County and local animal laws. We work closely with our local Police, the Environmental Police, the State Department of Animal Health, MSPCA, the Animal Rescue League and our local Veterinarians.

All dogs three months or older need a license that may be obtained at the Town Clerks Office. The license runs from January to December. The dog license is important in helping to identify the owner of the dog; also cats should have some form of identification.

All dogs and cats are required by State law to be rabies vaccinated. It is extremely important in case of a bite incident or your pet having contact with wildlife or a high risk domestic animal. All animals suspected of having rabies are sent to State lab for testing. We submitted one fox, one squirrel, and one raccoon.

ANIMAL STATISTICS
Calls received 1801
General information 350
Missing animals 140
Dogs picked up 24 (17 returned to owner and 7 turned over to shelter)
Complaints 1287

We are continuing to pursue owners of unlicensed dogs, unleashed dogs, dog bites, and nuisance complaints and we protect our residents from intimidation and injury from animals. We protect the animals from health hazards, abuse, neglect and inhumane treatment according to the laws.

The Animal Control Department can be reached by calling 508-230-3353 or 508-230-3322.

I would like to thank the following for their cooperation and support throughout the year; Police Chief and his department, the dispatchers, FireChief and his department, Public Works Director and his men, Town Clerk's Office, Town Administrator's Office, the Board of Selectmen, and the Board of Health. A special thanks to the Executive Assistant and the Administrative Assistant of the Easton Police. Thank you to the residents of Easton for being great pet owners. On a personal note, John Melin our Animal Control Officer, retired on November 1, 2011. His expertise and helpfulness is missed daily.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth DeRosa ACO

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

We are the officers in the field for the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources Division of Regulatory and Biosecurity Services, the State Department of Public Health, the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, the Environmental Police and our local Board of Health.

We are still keeping up our guard on West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis. Livestock should be vaccinated for these diseases. The State Department of Public Health sends our department guide lines for testing birds.

We had 12 reports of animal bites received in our office: six dogs and six cats. We sent one squirrel, one fox and one raccoon to the State lab to be tested for rabies. A domestic animal that has a wound of unknown origin or has had an encounter with wildlife is place under confinement for up to six months.
A Rabies Clinic was held at the Police Station on April10, 2011, 137 animals were vaccinated, 90 dogs and 47 cats.

In November and December a partial inspection was done at premises that have farm animals. 50 horses, 4 goats, 3 sheep, and 12 chickens were inspected, all found to be in good health and sanitary conditions.
Wildlife sightings calls have increased with more seen in backyards and roadways. Most of the calls are for deer, raccoons, opossums, skunks, coyotes, fishers, turkeys, bats, hawks and foxes. It's very important to not leave pet food outside or in open garages. Make sure rubbish containers are covered. Wildlife are survivors in the wild but if they find an easy accessible food source available they will keep coming back to the area. Problem wildlife cannot be relocated; moving wildlife from one area to another could spread disease, and is against State and Federal Law.

We check on the handling of domestic pets and domestic livestock according to State laws. We investigate all animal bites and encounters with wildlife. We educate the public on issues of animal diseases. We work closely with the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals, Environmental Police and our local veterinarians. We can be reached by calling 508-230-3353 or 508-230-3322 or the Board of Health at 508-230-0621.

We want to thank the Board of Health, Town Clerk's Office, Department of Public Works, Police and Fire Department; your help throughout the year is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth DeRosa Animal Inspector

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Single Family Dwellings	26
Multiple Family Dwellings	2
Additions – Residential	62
Alterations – Residential	171
New Commercial	5
Additions Commercial	5
Alterations Commercial	29
Demolished Buildings	16
Signs	16
Temporary Signs	17
Swimming Pools	12
Roofs	148
Siding	29
Replacement Windows/Doors	99
Temporary Tents	23
Wood Stoves	20
Trench Permits	63
Foundations	33
Certificate of Inspections	137
Certificate of Occupancy	182

TOTALS

Total Cost of Construction:	$45,546,148
Total Building Fees Collected:	$280,276
Total Number of Daily Building Inspections:	1471
Total Wiring Fees Collected:	$48,509
Total No. of Wiring Permits Issued:	596
Total Gas Fees Collected:	$14,125
Total No. of Gas Permits Issued:	265
Total Plumbing Fees Collected:	$26,540
Total Plumbing Fees Collected:	325
Total Mechanical Fees Collected:	$2,730
Total No. of Mechanical Permits Issued:	24
Total Misc. Fees Collected: (Roofing, Siding, Trench, etc.)	$25,411
Total No. of Misc. Permits Issued:	359
Total Fees Collected for Cal Yr. 2011:	$397,591

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Paul DeBaggis	Local Inspector, Zoning Enforcement Officer	pdebaggis@easton.ma.us
Kevin S. Greiner	Local Inspector and Electrical Inspector	kgreiner@easton.ma.us
Ellen Weene	Board of Appeals Secretary	eweene@easton.ma.us
Kit Minsky	Executive Assistant	kminsky@easton.ma.us
Ronald Wiseman	Alternate Plumbing and Gas Inspector	
Arthur Pedini, Jr.	Alternate Electrical Inspector	
Paul Steeves	Alternate Plumbing and Gas Inspector	

Office Hours

Monday: 8:30 am – 7:30 pm
Tuesday: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Wednesday: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Thursday: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Friday: 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Responsibilities:

- Provide highest level of service to protect and support residents and those doing business in Easton through effective enforcement of State Building Codes and Town By-Laws.
- Perform plan reviews and issue permits for building, plumbing, gas, electrical, roofing, siding, replacement windows, pools, signs, wood stoves, HVAC systems, fire protection systems, trenches and demolition work.
- Provide prompt, fair and accurate inspections related to each permit.
- Issue certificates of occupancy upon completion of a project.
- Inspect and certify buildings, businesses and occupancies related to annual licensing and code requirements.
- Investigate complaints and zoning violations. Determine zoning compliance.

There were 26 building permits approved for new single-family dwellings in 2011 and 2 permits issued for new multi-family dwelling units. There were 233 building permits issued for residential additions and alterations and 276 permits for roofing, siding and replacement windows and doors in 2011. The total estimated cost of residential construction in 2011 was $30,380,869. Estimated cost of commercial construction in 2011 was $15,165,279.

The Inspector of Buildings issued 137 Certificates of Inspection and 182 Certificates of Use and Occupancy. The Inspectional Services Staff performed 2,999 daily inspections and 78 emergency inspections.

The Inspectional Services Department collected fees in the amount of $397,591 in the year 2011.

Again I would like to thank a dedicated and talented staff and all Town Departments for their assistance and support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Mark Trivett, CBO
Inspector of Buildings
Zoning Enforcement Officer

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2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Department of Planning & Community Development (DPCD) is responsible for processing permits reviewed by the Planning & Zoning Board, Historical Commission, and the Conservation Commission, as well as taking a leadership role in the long-range planning efforts of the Town. The Department provides staff support to the Planning & Zoning Board, Conservation Commission, Affordable Housing Trust, Community Preservation Committee, Historical Commission, Agricultural Commission, and other town boards and committees as needed.

Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP). The DPCD worked with the Town's consultant to implement the next phases of the CWMP. This included assistance in helping advance the design of the North Easton Village wastewater treatment facility and collection system and seek other possible treatment facility and groundwater discharge sites throughout Town to serve the rest of North Easton Village and other needs areas as identified in the CWMP.

Ames Shovel Works. The DPCD assisted with the Shovel Works project, specifically with items related to state and local permitting, design and construction of the wastewater treatment plant, conservation and historic preservation restrictions, and submission of state grant applications.

Massachusetts Department of Transportation Technical Assistance Grants. The DPCD worked with DOT consultants and the Old Colony Planning Council on two technical assistance grants that helped provide recommendations for parking and traffic issues in North Easton Village and to assess potential zoning changes along portions of Route 138 that would promote economic development, allow for a greater mix of uses, and establish design guidelines.

Historic Preservation. As part of its implementation of the Easton Historical Preservation Plan (2008) the DPCD assisted the Easton Historical Commission in an effort to document historic properties in North Easton and Furnace Village. An amendment to the Town's Demolition Review Bylaw was approved at Annual Town Meeting to allow developers and the Commission to work more collaboratively. The Department facilitated the commission's review of design and preservation efforts at the Ames Shovel Works site.

Conservation Land Management. The DPCD worked with the Conservation Commission to develop an action plan based on the recommendations of the 2009 management plan that was developed for the Town's conservation land holdings. Pursuant to the action plan, the Commission: conducted its annual review of the Tufts Farm tenancy; completed the Forest Stewardship Plan for the Clifford G. Grant Management Area and conducted a public site walk to discuss the plan; developed plans to formalize the trail system at Clifford G. Grant and submitted application for funding under the Recreational Trail Grant Program; approved an Eagle Scout project to install a bridge crossing at the Flyaway Pond Management Area; conducted annual haying and brushing at the Wheaton Farm Fields; explored the possibility of community gardens at Wheaton Farm.

Affordable Housing. Under the direction of the Affordable Housing Trust, the Department oversaw efforts toward the adoption and certification of Easton's Affordable Housing Plan. Thanks to this effort, the Board of Appeals may deny or modify 40B proposals. Guidelines for the new inclusionary zoning bylaw were implemented to assist developers and assure that affordable homes meet state standards. Department staff initiated the Trust's Homebuyer Assistance Program. Through the program, first time home buyers at moderate incomes receive financial assistance, and the homes they purchase will be priced at affordable levels for future buyers. At Annual Town Meeting, a citizen petition to establish a mobile home bylaw was approved. Staff followed up with state and Town officials to begin implementation of this vote.

Open Space: The Department worked with the Recreation Commission and staff overseeing construction of multi-use recreational fields on Chestnut Street and worked with The Trustees of Reservations to leverage its CPA-approved funding for acquisition of a conservation restriction on the Governor Ames Estate for the permanent protection of open space.

Agricultural Commission: The Department assisted the Agricultural Steering Committee in presenting an article at the May Annual Town Meeting to approve a bylaw establishing an Agricultural Commission. After successful passage of the article, the Department assisted in organizing the Commission, including drafting a 1-,3-, 5-year workplan, working on a right-to-farm bylaw, working with the Wheaton Farm Committee and the Conservation Commission to explore the potential for community gardens at Wheaton Farm and working with the NRT to re-locate the Farmers Market to a more advantageous location.

Public Access to Information. The Department continues to publish newsworthy information, procedural and regulatory changes and informative links to the various boards' websites.

Professional Development: Staff attended and participated in professional seminars and conferences including:

APA Annual Conference
MAPD Annual Conference
MassDOT Moving Together – Complete Streets
MACC Annual Conference
SNEAPA Annual Conference
EPA/MassDEP MS4 General Programmatic Permit
GIS Training

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www.easton.ma.us/directory/planning_comdev/index.htm

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

The Planning and Zoning Board administers, within the Town of Easton, Massachusetts General Laws Chapters 40A (The Zoning Act), Chapter 40 Section 15C (The Scenic Roads Act) and Chapter 41 (the Subdivision Control Law) of the General Laws of the Commonwealth. To that point we oversee the subdivision of land, create and review amendments to the Eaton Zoning Bylaws, updates to the Master Plan and review applications for certain types of Special Permits.

In addition to administration, the Board seeks to manage the growth of the community and to promote development which integrates environmental protection and community economic goals through promoting development which preserves large tracts of open space and furthers the welfare of people and the community by creating convenient, equitable, healthful, efficient and attractive environments.

In 2011 the Planning & Zoning Board held twenty-two (22) meetings, where we reviewed fifteen (15) applications. These include:

- One (1) Definitive Subdivision
- Four (4) Approval Not Required (Form A)
- Nine (9) Site Plan Reviews, including one site plan amendment
- One (1) Internally Illuminated Sign Application

The Board also provided comment to the Zoning Board of Appeals for twenty-seven (27) applications.

In 2011 the Planning & Zoning Board also oversaw creation and adoption of a several amendments to the Zoning Bylaw. These Include:

- Zoning Map, Articles 45 and 46
- Section II, Definitions
- Section VII, Affordable Housing Requirements (7-16.2 & 7-16.7 & 7-16.8 & 7-16.9)
- Section VII, *New Section* Large-Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations (7-18)
- Section VII, *New Section* In-law Apartments (7-19)
- Section X, Signs (10-3.1.e & 10-3.5.d & 10-3.5.e)

In a effort to promote a more comprehensive planning process for Easton the Board initiated joint meetings with other town boards and commissions and look forward to increasing the number of such meetings in 2012. We also look forward to starting work on an update to the master plan, the first update since 1971.

We would like to thank Walter Johnson, who departed the Board in 2011, for his many years of dedicated service to the Board and the Town.

The Board was fortunate to welcome Wayne Benson as a Member after serving as Alternate Member and to welcome John Varella to the Board as a new alternate member in 2011 .

The board wishes to thank Brad Washburn (Planning Director), Randi Graham (clerk) and Pam Almeida (Principal Clerk) for their support and dedication. Further , we express our gratitude to David Colton, Town Administrator, the Board of Selectmen, and to all other Boards and Commissions for their involvement in planning Easton's present and future.

Respectfully Submitted

Gregory Strange, Chair
Christine Santoro, Esq, Clerk
Peter Deschenes, Member
Daniel Smith, Member
Wayne Benson, Member
John Varella, Alternate Member

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Easton Conservation Commission administers, within the Town of Easton, the State Wetlands Protection Act, Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40 et seq. (the Act) and the Wetlands Protection By-Law (the By-law), Chapter 227, Code of the Town of Easton with the regulations promulgated thereunder, 3 1OCMR 10.55 et seq. under the Act and Chapter 503 of the Town Code as to the By-Law.

In addition to administration and enforcement, the Commission has custody and control of the nearly four thousand acres of land held for conservation purposes, on behalf of the town. These management areas are open to the public for passive recreational enjoyment.

WETLANDS PROTECTION AND PERMITTING

The Commission scheduled 23 public meetings and conducted 20 (3 were cancelled due to lack of quorum, Halloween, snow storm) in 2011. The Commission conducted 43 public hearings relative to permit requests and wetland resource area confirmations. The Commission issued the following in 2011:

- 25 Orders of Conditions and Permits for Work (2 remain pending)
- 3 Orders of Conditions and/or Permits for Works in the form of denials;
- 8 Determinations of Applicability,
- 2 Order of Resource Area Delineation (1 remains pending)
- 3 Amended Order of Conditions and Permits for Work
- 2 Extended Orders of Conditions and Permits for Work,
- 25 Full Certificates of Compliance, and
- 5 Partial Certificates of Compliance
- 2 Certificates of Compliance were denied, pending completion of all permitted work

The Commission reminds Easton Residents that activities resulting in the alteration of wetlands, streams, rivers, swamps and low lying areas and buffer zones may be within the Commission's jurisdiction. Alteration is a broadly defined term, but includes: removal or cutting trees (even if dead), clearing brush, disposal of lawn clippings and leaves, landscaping, installation of patios and walkways, or operation of ATVs and motor bikes. To avoid enforcement, Contact the Commission before starting any work and be aware of the resources on your property.

The majority of hearings in 2011 involved average home owners looking to add additions to their homes, install swimming pools or repair failing septic systems. Two larger projects requiring review and permitting by the Commission in 2011 included the residential development proposed off Union Street, known as Winterberry Hills and the commercial redevelopment of the Dean Mill site off Washington and Depot Streets.

This past year the Conservation Commission also updated its Wetland Protection Regulations. The update corrected typographical errors and improved the clarity of the performance standards established by the regulations.

The Conservation Commission is responsible for enforcement when a violation of the Act or By-law has occurred. Violations are investigated and Enforcement Orders are issued as appropriate. Many wetlands violations occur as a result of property owners' lack of awareness of the wetlands protection laws and that protectable wetland resources exist on or near their properties. In 2011, the Commission initiated six enforcement actions and three neighborhoods were notified of potential ATV use. During enforcement, our primary objective is to work with people to educate them, restore the impacted resource area and prevent future violations. Most property owners involved in enforcement cases this year have been cooperative in working with the Commission to resolve the issue. The Commission issued one formal enforcement order.

The Commission and its staff are integral to the Town's Planning and Community Development Department. This year, our agent, Stephanie Danielson, conducted 125 jurisdictional inspections in response to Building Permit Applications. A number of these inspections resulted in filings before the Commission. The staff also provided technical review and comment to the Zoning Board of Appeals for twenty-eight (28) applications, Board of Health for thirty-one (31) applications, Planning & Zoning Board for fifteen (15) applications, Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator.

CONSERVATION LAND

Land Acquisition

New conservation land acquisitions in 2011 included an 18-acre tract of land located off Union Street donated to the Town by Creative Homes. This increases the continuous tract of land comprising the Dorchester Brook Management Area to over 81 acres. A donation of land just under five acres off Foundry Street was made by the Free Evangelical Fellowship Church. This parcel abuts a larger parcel that is within the Wheaton Farm Management Area. The Barg family completed its donation of land off Howard Street, adding

Land Management

The Commission has a Land Management Plan that documents overview management goals for each of the significant management areas owned by the Town. The Land Management Action Plan identifies specific objectives and actions necessary to achieve those goals. During 2011, the following were completed

- Tufts Farm – in October of 2010, new tenants moved to Tufts Farm to reside in the single-family dwelling and to conduct a small-scale agricultural operation. The tenants produced a variety of vegetables this past summer, raised chickens for egg production and are raising goats.
- Clifford G. Grant
    - Under a Forestry Services grant, a Forest Management Plan was completed for a portion of the Clifford G. Grant Management Area that is comprised by a white pine plantation. A public walk, narrated by Fred Benjamin, the forester developing the plan was conducted in November.
    - The Commission developed a plan and submitted a grant application for a Recreation Trail Program grant through the Department of Conservation and Recreation. The plan proposes a formalized trail system through this management area.
- Flyaway Pond
    - Through an Eagle Scout project, a bridge was constructed over Queset Brook in the area of the former Flyaway Pond Dam. This bridge expands the walking trails that are accessible from the Town Pool and Picker Lane.
- Wheaton Farm
    - Annual haying and brushing Wheaton Farm fields
    - Began working with the newly formed Agricultural Commission on plan to create community gardens at Wheaton Farm.

- Conducted a public walk with the Commission and Fred Benjamin, Forester, to assess conditions relative to the forest management plan for a portion of Wheaton Farm.
- With the assistance of the Water Department, replaced guard rail along edge of parking area.
- Through the DPW continued to post signage prohibiting motorized vehicle use on all town-owned conservation land.
- The Wheaton Farm Committee continued their stewardship of the management area providing the Commission with quarterly updates and reports.

In addition to project reviews, hearings and site visits, staff attended educational workshops including the a workshop on land management strategies and MACC training workshops.

The Commission's webpage, located on the Town of Easton website (http://www.easton.ma.us), provides useful information about the Commission including its schedule and upcoming agenda, minutes of past meetings. The site provides an overview of wetlands protection, the State and Town wetlands protection laws and regulations and access to permit request forms. Links to other related sites and informative resources are also available on the site.

The Commission may be reached via email or by phone at (508) 230-0630. Commission meetings are generally held on the first and third Monday evenings, and Tuesday evenings when there is a preceding Monday holiday. Our meeting schedule is posted on the website and the Town Offices bulletin board. All meetings are open to the public, except for Executive Sessions. Residents are encouraged to learn more about wetlands protection and why it matters by coming and observing our meetings.

The Commission wishes to express their appreciation and gratitude to Kyla Bennett, who's term ended this past year. Ms. Bennett's professional expertise and commitment to the protection of Easton's natural resources will be missed. Michael Ganshirt accepted the role of Chair and Jonathan Chace accepted the role as Vice Chair. In July, the Commission welcomed new member Edward Woods, Jr. for a full 2 year term.

The Commission would like to thank Pamela Almeida (Principal Clerk/Recording Secretary) and Stephanie Danielson (Land Use Planner) for their support and dedication this past year. Further, we express our gratitude to David Colton, Town Administrator, the Board of Selectmen and all appointed and elected Boards and Commissions of the Town who have worked in conjunction with the Commission to support the protection of wetlands and care of open space in the town. We are grateful to the citizens of the Town of Easton, for their cooperation and their support as we perform the duties entrusted to us.

Respectfully submitted,

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2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Town of Easton's Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is comprised of four citizens "at large" and five members selected from other Town boards and committees. The citizens-at-large include: James Lee, professor of management and past president of the Friends of Wheaton Farm; Kevin McIntyre, Esq., an attorney and former Chair of the Fair Housing Committee; Jay Rose, Esq., an attorney; and Avery Lee Williams, businessperson active in many community organizations. John Grant serves on the committee for the Easton Conservation Commission; Edmund Hands serves for the Easton Historical Commission; William O'Neill for the Easton Recreation Commission; Gregory Strange serves for the Easton Planning and Zoning Board; and Dennis Sheedy for the Easton Housing Authority. We want to thank departing member Jay Rose, Esq. for his service on the committee.

The Community Preservation Act was signed into law in September of 2000, to provide a dedicated funding stream for the preservation of open space, historic resources and community housing. At that time, statistics were showing that open space in Massachusetts was being developed at a rate of 44 acres per day and our legislators realized that funding would be needed to preserve our fast-disappearing open spaces. Today, development of our open spaces and historic sites continues. CPA funding is provided through a local real estate tax surcharge and a statewide registry of deeds surcharge. The state funds are distributed to participating communities as matching funds in October of each year. The state match can be as much as 100% of the total amount raised by a community in the preceding fiscal year, depending upon how much revenue is collected by the state and how many communities are participating. Easton's CPA surcharge has two exemptions: the first $100,000 of value of each residence and an exemption for property owned by lower income persons.

Since 2002, the Commonwealth distributed six rounds of 100% state CPA matching funds to participating communities. Together with 33 other communities, Easton participated from the start and received that first 100% state match in 2002 and for the next five years. In 2008, Easton received a 76% match and in 2009, received a 44% state match. In 2011 the match was 32%, or $287,605. The state match has decreased the past few years because more communities now participate in CPA, sharing the matching funds, and because of the economic downturn. Because Easton voters had the foresight to adopt CPA at the outset, Easton has maximized its receipt of state matching funds. This latest award increases Easton's total state matching funds to approximately $5.2 million.

As of December 31, 2011, Easton's CPA reserves are as follows: $121,333 in housing reserves; $141,086 in historic preservation reserves; $693,182 in open space reserves; and $2,124,853 in unreserved CPA funds. The separate reservations are required by the Community Preservation Act - 10% must be set aside or spent on: historic preservation; community housing; and open space preservation. The balance of CPA funds are not reserved for any particular CPA purpose, but must be spent on CPA-eligible projects. To be funded, a CPA project needs the favorable recommendation of the CPA Committee and, then, Town Meeting approval.

Easton's most significant participation in the CPA is Town Meeting's approval of $7.5 million in CPA funds to assist with the Ames Shovel Works redevelopment project, an affordable housing and historic preservation project. Of this amount, $3 million was to purchase a historic preservation restriction on the property and $4.5 million was a loan in support of the project. These monies are authorized but will not be spent until the appropriate stages of completion of the project.

Projects approved this year include: purchase of multi-use recreational field fields at Chestnut Street ($2,300,000); funding for the Easton Affordable Housing Trust ($207,500); purchase of a conservation restriction at the Governor Ames Estate ($500,000); funding to South Shore Habitat for Humanity for the creation of an affordable single-family home ($25,000); funding for Phase II of the Queset Garden restoration at the Ames Free Library ($120,000); and funding to support the exterior restoration of the Oakes Ames Memorial Hall (up to $140,000 with matching state grants).

The Town's previous CPA expenditures are:

Historic Resources:

$88,000 to conduct a multi-year Historic Resources Survey;

$30,000 to restore the historic Pine Grove Cemetery upon the transfer of its ownership to the Town;

$15,700 for restoration work on the Oakes Ames Memorial Hall in exchange for a historic preservation restriction;

$250,000 for restoration work on the exterior of the Unity Church (the Town already holds a historic preservation restriction);

$69,400 for the Ames Free Library's restoration of the Town-owned Italian Gardens behind the newly-renovated library;

$360,000 was authorized by Town Meeting for the acquisition of a historic preservation restriction on the Dean Mill; this funding was not used and reverts to CPC balance;

$100,000 - Olmsted Rockery - restoration project;

$380,000 - Unity Church - restoration project/historic preservation/public access restriction;

$5000 - Historic Preservation Plan; and

$3000 - WWI Monument - restoration project.

Open Space and Recreation:

$25,252 for the construction of a pocket park at 80 Center Street;

$375,000 for purchase of 14 acres of open-space land on Massapoag Ave.;

$142,614 - Olmsted/Richardson School - playground creation project;

$1.375 million purchase price – 40 acre parcel of land located on Dean Street; and

Feasibility studies for the creation of new recreation fields on Town-owned parcel on Foundry Street and parcels on Depot Street, Washington Street, and Williams Street.

Community Housing:

$425,000 for the first year of the Easton Affordable Housing Trust Action Plan;

$15,000 for an update to the Easton Affordable Housing Production Plan;

$13,600 for feasibility studies for two affordable housing projects. Those studies included engineering and other review work of two Town-owned parcels of land to determine their suitability for housing construction;

$25,000 - May Institute - four units of affordable housing; and

Affordable Housing Plan.

The Committee meets on a monthly basis at the Town Offices and more often, as needed. Our meetings are open to the public and we encourage the public to attend. We hold one public hearing each year and report to the Town Meeting on an annual basis. We can be reached through the Easton Town Offices, 136 Elm St. Easton, MA 02356.

Respectfully submitted
For the Committee,
James Lee, Chairperson

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeal's responsibilities are to hear applications filed for Special Permits, Variances and Administrative Appeals pursuant to Chapter 40A, Mass. General Laws and Comprehensive Permits pursuant to Chapter 40B, Mass. General Laws. Twenty-Eight (28) petitions, comprised of thirteen (13) Special Permits; ten (10) Variances; two (2) Administrative Appeals; two (2) Site Plan Endorsements and one (1) Comprehensive Permit were received by the Board of Appeals during the year, which in conformity with the law, were duly advertised and copies of notices were given to all Town Boards and mailed to all parties of interest as defined in Section 11, Chapter 40A, Mass. General Laws.

In 2011, Stephen Pinzari did not seek reappointment to the Board of Appeals upon the expiration of his term. The Board of Selectmen appointed David R. Mills as a Full Board Member. Michael Spillane was appointed as an Alternate Board Member.

The Board of Appeals would like to thank Stephen Pinzari for his contribution to the Board during his tenure.

	Site Plan Endorsement	Administrative Appeal	Comprehensive Permit	Special Permit	Variance
Petitions Granted	1			10	7
Petitions Denied				2	2
Petitions Withdrawn/Dismissed	1	2		1	1
Chapter 40B			1		
Continued to 2011			1		
To Be Heard in 2011					

The Board wishes to recognize and commend all Town Officials and personnel who provided assistance to the Board during the year.

The Board would also like to thank their secretary, Ellen Weene, for her hard work and dedication. The Board of Appeals Secretary can be reached at the Town Offices at (508)230-0590.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Mirrione, Chairman
Thomas A. Pursley, Vice-Chairman
Paul T. Prew, Clerk
Christopher Pike
David R. Mills
Mark Tuniewicz, Alternate
Michael Spillane, Alternate

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

The Town of Easton Affordable Housing Trust met for the first time in 2011 after its merger with the Fair and Affordable Housing Partnership Committee.

The Trust oversaw the completion of the Town's new Affordable Housing Plan, which was approved by local committees and the state. Pursuant to the Town's final approval of the Shovel Works, the Trust applied for and obtained certification under the Plan. The Board of Appeals is now empowered to reject or modify inappropriate 40B proposals.

The Trust reviewed Habitat for Humanity's progress on their effort to build an affordable home at 12A Highland Street. The Trust recommended additional Community Preservation Act funding for the effort.

The Trust drafted guidelines for affordable homes created under the new inclusionary zoning bylaw. These were adopted by the Planning Board. The guidelines assist developers and assure that homes created through the bylaw meet state standards.

At the Trust's recommendation, Tim Harrigan, Community Planner, began devoting approximately 30 hours per week to the implementation of the Trust's action plan and related affordable housing policies and programs.

The Trust initiated its Homebuyer Assistance Program in the fall. Through the program, first time home buyers at moderate incomes receive financial assistance, and the homes they purchase will be priced at affordable levels for future buyers.

The Trust reviewed and provided comment on several items that came before us, including:

- the draft mobile home park bylaw;
- a proposed mixed-use development; and
- comprehensive permit proposals at Welsch Woods and Sawmill Pond.

Trust meetings take place roughly every 6 weeks at the Town Offices and we encourage the public to attend. We continue to work diligently to expand housing opportunities for Town residents at all income levels.

In closing, we want to thank Tim Harrigan, Community Planner, Brad Washburn, Planning Director and David Colton, Town Administrator for their valuable guidance and support. We would also like to thank Ghardy Daniel, a Trust member who stepped down this year, for his involvement.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Bonia, Chair
Amy Rodrigues, Clerk
Ellen Barlow
Dan Burke
Steve Merlin
Paula Piccinin
Christine Santoro

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Easton Housing Authority is an agency that provides safe and sanitary housing for low and moderate income families. The Housing Authority operates under guidelines set out by their regulatory agencies, the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The Housing Authority's offices are located at Parker Terrace and are open to the public from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday; telephone number: (508) 238-4747, Fax: (508) 230-9694, TDD: (508) 230-9695, Email: housingauthority@eastonhousing.com

The Easton Housing Authority consists of a five-member Board of Commissioners, an Executive Director and seven staff members.

Four of the Commissioners are elected by the Town's people and one member is appointed by the State's Governor.

Members of the Board of Commissioners are as follows:

Thomas Downey – Chairman
Thomas Thibeault – Vice Chairman (Governor's Appointee)
Sandra Conant – Treasurer
Katherine Taylor – Asst. Treasurer
Dennis Sheedy – Commissioner

The Board of Commissioners typically meet at 4:30 PM on the second Tuesday of every month at Parker Terrace, however there are occasions when the Meeting would be held on another day. Please be sure to check the posting at Town Hall.

The Mansfield Housing Authority is currently under contract to manage the Easton Housing Authority. Mansfield Housing Authority's Executive Director, Michael Forbes, serves as the Easton Housing Authority's chief administrative officer and is directly in charge of personnel and general supervision over the administration of the Easton Housing Authority's business, subject to the discretion of the Board Members of the Easton Housing Authority.

The office staff consists of: Jeannie DiBenedetto - Housing Administrator and Dawn Doyle -Administrative Assistant. Mansfield Housing Authority employee Marsha Sharicz has been assigned to assist in the office for approximately 17 hours per week.

The Maintenance staff consists of three maintenance workers, Gregory Horne, Terry Banks and temporary maintenance worker, Joao DosReis.

Elderly/handicapped Housing:

The Easton Housing Authority manages 184 units of elderly/handicapped housing located at Elise Circle & Parker Terrace.

Family Housing:

There are 10 family housing units: 7 – three-bedroom homes located at Chandler Way, a two-bedroom home located at 26 Poquanticut Avenue, a four-bedroom home located at 50 Day Street and a three-bedroom home located at 28 Barrows Street.

The Authority's State Public Housing (elderly/handicapped & family housing) waiting lists are currently open and the income limits are as follows:

Number in Household	Income Limit
1	$44,950

2	$51,400
3	$57,800
4	$64,200
5	$69,350
6	$74,500
7	$79,650
8	$85,750

Applications for State-aided Public Housing can be obtained on line at:
http://www.mass.gov/hed/docs/dhcd/ph/publichousingapplications/standapp.doc

Applications are also available at the office of the Authority at Parker Terrace. Residents of the Town of Easton receive a preference on the Authority's Public Housing waiting lists.

Section 8 Housing:
HUD provides Federal funds to support the existing Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. Easton Housing Authority presently has 86 Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers under lease and administers 3 mobility Housing Choice Vouchers from other Housing Authorities whose voucher holders lease up in the area. Please note that the Housing Authority is not accepting applications for the Section 8 as the waiting list is currently closed.

Other Information:
The Easton Housing Authority received subsidy funds from the Department of Housing & Community Development for a truck lease /purchase and new lawn/garden & snow removal tractor.

DHCD did not allow a budget increase within their FY 2011 budget guidelines for the Housing Authority's fiscal that began on April 1, 2011.

The Department of Housing & Community Development had approved the Easton Housing Authority's capital improvement plan for 2012 to 2015. The Housing Authority plans to do tree trimming & removal at Elise Circle and Parker Terrace, siding replacement at Chandler Way and install automatic door openers at the community buildings at Parker Terrace and Elise Circle with capital funds from Department of Housing & Community Development.

The Robert J. Keefe Community Center at Parker Terrace continues to be the site for Old Colony Elderly Services congregate lunch program, serving hot lunches Monday through Friday for Senior Citizens, and hosts their Meals on Wheels Program. Additionally, the Authority donates the use of both the Robert J. Keefe Community Center at Parker Terrace and the Jerry Fitzgerald Community Center at Elise Circle for the use of the Council on Aging's senior center programs, including arts and crafts, dancing and exercise, etc.

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE EASTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Easton Historical Commission (EHC) continues in its efforts to identify, evaluate and protect Easton's historic and archeological resources. The EHC works cooperatively with the Town's other commissions, boards and committees to monitor and help guide any effects that development and change can bring to Easton's unique historic character. We are available as a resource to any citizen for information and guidance regarding the preservation of historic properties, landscapes and archeological sites in the Town of Easton.

This year the EHC accomplished the following major progress with regard to the ongoing goals and activities included in Easton's Historic Preservation Plan:

- Worked on developing an historic house plaque program for both residential and commercial properties in Easton
- Continued active support in the maintenance of the Rockery
- Reviewed projects that might impact the nature of the Town's historical areas
- Reviewed and dispositioned Demolition Permit requests via public hearings for properties over 75 years old. Reviewed and approved proposed updates to the Demolition Bylaw
- Continued work on 40C Design Guidelines for the Ames Historical District
- Evaluated and commented on the installation of proposed cell phone towers in Easton
- Initiated a survey of 150 historic structures in the southern portion of the North Easton Village area (Center St, Columbus Ave, Sheridan St) and the Furnace Village area
- Continued working on the Historic District Expansion Study Plan
- Continued to monitor and support Beacon Communities Development preservation/development plans for Shovel Works and reviewed and approved the Preservation Restriction for the project. Reviewed and commented on landscaping plans, reviewed and approved architectural plans. Reviewed and commented on waste water treatment building to be constructed at the corner of Pond and Mechanic Streets.
- Continued to review/monitor plans for the restoration of Queset Gardens
- Evaluated proposals for CPA funding for the next phase of the rehabilitation of Queset Gardens, repairs to the slate roof of the Evangelical Congregational Church of Easton, the repairs to the Oakes Ames Memorial Hall (OAMH), Children's Museum renovations, and the creation of the Governor Ames Park by the Trustees of Reservations
- Reviewed and signed the preservation restriction for OAMH
- Continued to monitor existing Preservation Restrictions on various properties in Easton to ensure compliance
- Worked with property owners throughout the year on various restorations, additions and preservation projects
- Presented legislation to Senator Joyce that would return gate collection funds for use at only Borderland instead of the receipts going into the State's general fund
- Participated in a joint meeting with the Planning & Zoning Board, the first of many future joint meetings with other town boards/committees to better understand each others' goals and priorities for the town
- The EHC now also functions as the Historical District Commission
- Reviewed the curatorship plan for the renovation of the Wilbur House and property at Borderland.

The EHC rescheduled its annual achievement awards presentation, photography contest awards, and presentation of the Boston Post Cane to Gladys Gay this year from a date in late December to January 21, 2012 in order to avoid the holiday conflicts experienced in years past.

During the past year, members of the EHC were active in other town roles and community organizations. Melanie Deware is the clerk of the Cemetery Commission and is on the board of the Historical Society. John Ventresco is a member of the Borderland Advisory Council. Edmund Hands heads the Agricultural Steering Committee, and serves on the Community Preservation Act (CPA) Committee, the board of the Natural Resources Trust and on the board of the Historical Society. Karen Cacciapuoti is a director of the Friends of Easton Public Gardens. Greg Strange chairs the Planning and Zoning Board and serves on the CPA Committee. In addition, the EHC members attend and participate in many inspections, presentations, training sessions, workshops, and other town board meetings during the year.

Mid-way through the year, a transition was made from Stephanie Danielson to Tim Harrigan as Staff Liaison. The EHC would like to thank Stephanie for all of her hard work and assistance to the EHC over the last several years. We have enjoyed working with Tim for the past 6 months.

The EHC welcomes comments and questions and is eager to assist any citizen with issues related to historic preservation in Town. Whether we can help with a restoration/renovation issue, homestead research, or understanding by-laws, please contact us via the Town Offices at 136 Elm Street, North Easton, through our link on the Town website: www.easton.ma.us, or by calling the chairman at 508-238-0373.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie J.L. Deware, Chair
John J. Ventresco, Vice Chair
Paul Fitzpatrick, Secretary
Stephen Donahue
Edmund Hands
Tim Hurley
Greg Strange
Karen Cacciapuoti, Associate Member
Gregory Galer, Associate Member

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION

The Easton Recreation Department provides diverse and equitable programs that reach out to the recreational needs of the community of Easton. The department's budget has still not been restored. We are working with only a full time Program Director and a seven member Recreation Commission. The Commission meets monthly to help guide and further develop the department and its programs.

Frothingham Hall has allowed us to host a variety of programs reaching out to a much larger percentage of the town. We work closely with the Council on Aging to share space in the building allowing it to feel like a true Community Center. The programs and activities offered during 2011 are listed below.

Youth programs:
Hip Hop, Golf, Art, Chess, Flag Football, Musical Theatre, Homework Club, Running Club, Tennis, Karate, Ski and Snowboard Lessons, Volleyball, Road Race, March Madness Basketball, Multi Sports, Kayaking, Swimming Lessons, Swim Team, Full Day Summer Program, Wrestling, Yoga, Tee Ball, Ultimate Frisbee, Archery

Adult Programs and Special Events:
Kayak Adventures, Men's Basketball, Ultimate Frisbee, Adult Co-Ed Volleyball, Golf, Tennis, Holiday Egg Hunt, 2nd Annual 5k Run for Rec Road Race, New England Patriots Flag Football Fundraiser.

We hosted our 2nd annual 5k run for Recreation. This year 130 runners ranging in age from 8-68 attended it. Once again we reached out to local business for there support. Our second fundraiser of the year was a New England Patriots Flag Football game. The game was held at Oliver Ames High School. The New England Patriots Alumni played community members. Fundraisers similar to these will be held annually to help fund recreation operations.

The department would like to express our gratitude to the H.U.G.S. organization for its generous contribution of $8,900. This money is used to run a homework club for Easton Middle School students and the late bus. The homework club is a free club to students in 6-8 grades. Students stay after school and receive help with their homework by teachers. The late bus is used for children in the homework club as well as children who stay for after school activities. Both the Homework Club and the late bus benefit many families. We would like to thank H.U.G.S. on their behalf.

The town pool had another successful year. The new docks have been invaluable to the pool. This year the pool offered swimming lessons and events that included birthday parties and competitive swim meets.

The department is pleased to announce the purchase of a 16-acre parcel of land on Chestnut Street. This land was purchased using CPA funds. The land will be used to help fill the void of recreation space in town. Chestnut Street will have 3 full size multi purpose fields, 2 softball fields, and a playground. The complex is slated for opening in fall 2012. Our plan for the future would be to add walking trails and a picnic area so that the land can be used to its full capacity.

The Recreation Commission continues to work with land use agent, Stephanie Danielson and town planner Brad Washburn. We are continuing our community outreach to make people aware of recreation space in town. We will continue to explore land for future acquisition.

The department distributes brochures and flyers throughout the Easton public schools to advertise our offerings, as well as advertising in the local newspaper, Facebook and the Town Crier. We have also reworked our webpage to list current offerings as well as links to other organizations. Our goal is to create an online payment system that will make it more convenient for our residents to register and pay for programs.

The department continues to work on increasing revenue. Our department could not run without our volunteers and the generosity of donations. Our vision is to become a community center that encompasses both Easton Recreation and the Council of Aging. We are looking forward to another productive year and welcome any feedback or ideas from the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Daley, Program Director
Elizabeth Nikiciuk, Chairman
Tana Babbitt
Robert Benton
Jennifer Gallagher
Erin Gianni
Charles Hammond
William O'Neill

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

During 2011, the Council on Aging reached out to the 4,671 residents of Easton age 60 or over through our monthly newsletter that was distributed to many business locations around town and was mailed, or e-mailed to individuals upon request. The Council provided approximately 33,500 units of service in transportation, nutrition, recreation, and outreach for 1365 individuals, which is a 6% increase in service over the previous year indicating our services continue to grow and reach more of our older residents despite the budget cutback that affected our transportation services from July through December 2011.

We provided 8360 rides for 185 elderly and disabled residents to medical appointments, grocery stores, shopping malls, local hairdressers and to the community buildings at Parker Terrace, Elise Circle, and Frothingham Hall for Council on Aging programs on our lift-equipped shuttle vans. This was an 8% decrease in the number of rides compared with the previous year, as we had to restrict the number of rides we could provide due to the budget cut that affected our transportation program. We continued our connection with the Brockton Area Transit Authority Dial-a-Bat (BAT) service for transportation to Boston area medical appointments and also provided early morning and late afternoon trips with federal funding from the New Freedom Fund initiative obtained through a BAT grant.

During the year, the Council offered a number of health promotion programs. Two nurses from Pedi-Care, Inc. provided foot care and a hearing instrument consultant from Mass. Audiology conducted hearing screenings and minor hearing-aid repairs at monthly clinics. We were able to continue a twice-weekly exercise program, our weekly Tai-Chi, Yoga and Zumba classes. We were fortunate to have many volunteers who helped us during the year, making it possible for us to run a wide variety of programs for our elderly including bingo, bridge, crafts, cribbage, games, Mah Jongg, poker, Swedish weaving and quilting. Volunteers also helped us deliver meals on wheels to our homebound elders and assisted our seniors with filing income tax returns and answering their health insurance questions. A number of senior volunteers participated in the Senior Tax-Relief program and provided valuable help to the town while receiving a property tax credit for their hours of service.

We are thankful to the many individuals and groups who enriched the lives of our elderly residents through their generous gifts of time and support for the Frothingham Hall Community Center. The Easton Lions Club held their annual cookout and Eye Mobile health screenings for our elderly residents in September here at Frothingham Hall. Students, family and volunteers from Personal Best Karate continued their Turkey Brigade-to-Go and delivered turkey dinners for Thanksgiving Day to a number of our elderly residents. Children, along with their families and teachers at the Easton Middle School provided wonderful gift bags for our elderly who attended our Holiday Program or received meals on wheels in December. The Knights of Columbus held their annual Christmas Party for our elderly residents. We thank the Bristol County Sheriff's Dept., the Easton Police and Fire Departments and senior participants of TRIAD who provided a number of programs which promote the safety and well being of our elderly residents.

Our part-time Outreach Coordinator made home visits and arranged a variety of home care services for elders by working with Old Colony Elderly Services, volunteer groups, and private homemaker agencies. She coordinated educational programs and assisted elders in applying for fuel assistance and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly called Food Stamps.

We extend our appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee and the residents of Easton for their support of elder services and programs. We are pleased to have the current program space at Frothingham Hall and look forward to working with town officials as plans proceed to upgrade the operating systems, create more efficient program space and restore the historic beauty of this wonderful building, so that it will be a true community center for many years to come. For more information on programs and services, please contact Dolores Kent, COA director, at 508-238-3160 or by e-mail, dkent@easton.ma.us.

Respectfully submitted:

Francis Spillane, Chairman
Nicolina Previti, Vice-chairman
Ethel Pomerleau, Secretary
David Cudmore, Member
Rose Friedeborn, Member
Marie Healey, Member
Jean Shearing, Member
Dolores Kent, Director

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Cemetery Commission is responsible for ensuring that our town-owned cemeteries are maintained for future generations. The Commission is very concerned with the conditions of gravestones and the deterioration due to age and the New England weather. We attempt with available funds to clean, reset, straighten or replace monuments as needed.

Clerk Melanie Deware has continued her work on the Cemetery database. Clerk Deware has visited all town-owned cemeteries in recent years to verify records. Presently, the database contains 5600+ names, 1156 being veterans. An update of this database is expected shortly.

Pine Grove Cemetery located at 5 Morse Road was gifted to the Town in 2009. During 2011 a formal survey was undertaken of Pine Grove Cemetery in order to ascertain the exact property lines of the cemetery as required for the formal transfer of the cemetery to the Town. In September 2011 the final legal work was completed and the Town became the official owner of Pine Grove Cemetery. The Commission has determined the need to obtain state and local funding sources to develop and restore Pine Grove Cemetery in order to allow the cemetery to continue to be used as burial site for Easton residents. The Commission estimates that there will be approximately 180 available burial plots in the future.

During 2011 the Commission developed Cemetery Regulations for Town of Easton Cemeteries. The Board of Selectmen approved the regulations on 9/12/2011.

In the fall of 2011 the Commission funded and approved a redesign of Cemetery signs. The new signs were successfully installed by the DPW in late fall.

The Commission in connection with the Easton Lions formalized an Adopt- A-Cemetery Program. This program has been successful with approximately 25 town owned cemeteries being adopted by citizens and civic organizations. Further development of the program will provide training to those adopters who are interested in cleaning stones. All program participants are committed to insuring that our historic cemeteries are properly maintained. Anyone interested in joining this program should contact Melanie Deware at 508-238-0373.

We would like to thank DPW employee Paul O'Neil and his crew for the great job in mowing and caretaking the town-owned cemeteries.

We would also like to express our appreciation to town officials, department heads, and Easton residents for their support throughout the year.

The Commission can be reached by calling 508-230-0581.

Respectfully submitted,

Kit Minsky, Chair
Melanie Deware, Clerk
John Melin

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

As your representatives to the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC), we are pleased to present this report on behalf of the Council for 2011.

The Old Colony Planning Council was established in 1967 by state statute and is authorized to prepare plans for the physical, social and economic development of the fifteen-member community region. OCPC is designated as: an Economic Development District by the U.S. Department of Commerce for the coordination of regional economic development activities; an Area Agency on Aging (AAA) by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to plan, manage and coordinate elder services in a twenty-three community service area; and, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to plan and program transportation and transit improvements for the region.

In addition to the above-designated responsibilities, the Council also assists its member municipalities with technical planning, grant application preparation and current local and regional socioeconomic information.

During the past year, the Council completed and secured the final approval of a Comprehensive update of the Old Colony Long Range Regional Transportation Plan; Developed the 2011 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Plan; the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) 2011-2014 Area Plan. The Council also completed the Regional Strategic Planning Framework and the FFY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); the Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity and Livability Study; the Annual Regional Traffic Volume Report; the BAT FY 2011 Ridership Report; and provided numerous Intersection/Technical Studies and Road Safety Audits to Abington, Avon, Bridgewater, Brockton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Halifax, Hanson, Kingston, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, Stoughton, West Bridgewater, and Whitman. This past year, the Council also provided technical assistance to member communities on numerous programs such as: regionalization of local services; zoning bylaw revisions; inclusionary zoning bylaws; expedited permitting; marketing for the newly established Economic Target Area; assisted member communities in the development of their Wind Energy Zoning Bylaws; conducted approximately 100 turning movement counts (TMCs) and 125 Average Daily Traffic (ADTs) counts throughout the region; and continued participation in the South Coast Rail Taskforce and providing technical assistance to Bridgewater, Easton and Stoughton relevant to rail service. During this year OCPC also applied for and received a grant to conduct a 911 feasibility study for the towns of Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, Duxbury, Kingston, Halifax, Plympton and Whitman; OCPC is also assisting in completing work on the Upper Taunton Basin Regional Wastewater Evaluation Study and the Taunton River Basin Management Plan. With the assistance and support of the AAA Advisory Committee, the OCPC-AAA administered more than $1.4 million in federal and state funding for 23 different programs for elders. These service programs provided more than 225,000 units of service to more than 2,000 unduplicated elders. The OCPC-AAA Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program conducted over 1,320 visits to nursing and rest-homes, investigating over 644 issues of concern from residents or families. OCPC also continues to administer the Septic Loan Program for the towns of Cohasset, Hanson, Kingston, Pembroke and Stoughton.

Each member community of the Council is represented by one delegate and one alternate member. The Council members establish policy, develop the work program, and employ and oversee the activities of the professional staff. The Council meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the OCPC offices located at 70 School Street, Brockton, MA. In 2011, the

Council elected Robert G. Moran, Jr., of Brockton as Council President; Lee Hartmann of Plymouth as Council Treasurer; and, Fred Gilmetti of Whitman as Council Secretary. Pasquale Ciaramella serves as Executive Director of the Council.

The Council gratefully acknowledges the generous support and cooperation of its member communities and the participation and involvement of the many individuals who participate as members of committees. Special thanks are extended to Joint Transportation Committee Chair Noreen O'Toole; Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee Chair Mary Waldron; and, the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee Chair Rita Howes for their commitment, dedication and leadership during the past year. The Council also recognizes the work of local boards and commissions and the government agencies, public and private institutions and individuals who assisted the Council in its efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanmarie Kent Joyce, Delegate
Stephen J. Donahue, Alternate

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE AMES FREE LIBRARY – EASTON'S PUBLIC LIBRARY
Where the Community Connects

The excitement that started late last year with the award to the Ames Free Library of a Best Small Library in America grant continued with a celebratory event attended by 800 visitors, coverage by the local press and radio, a citation from Governor Deval Patrick and a congratulatory letter from Senator Scott Brown. The library was selected for a second place award by the *Library Journal*, in a national grant program funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for libraries in towns serving populations under 25,000. The grant is a showcase for "innovative libraries which have excelled at understanding and meeting the needs of their communities."

This year we offered 703 wonderful programs to reinforce our goal, to be the people's university and the place where the community connects. These events developed by our staff and many community members attracted 10,317 attendees, a 16% increase over the previous year.

A Civil War encampment was presented at Queset House and Garden by the 22nd Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War. More than 400 people enjoyed a period fashion show, military drills, cooking demonstrations, and an exhibit of period artifacts. Thanks are due to Michelle Duprey of the library staff, the event's chief organizer.

Area residents came forward to offer enrichment programs included Kevin Kidd, who teaches the *Tech Talk* series, Bobbe Anderson and Carolyn Cole who run the *Foodie Group*, Steve Straus of the *Halcyon Winds* musicians, George Comeaux who hosted three local poets, panelists Senator Brian Joyce, selectwoman Colleen Corona, and Stonehill political science department chair, Dr. Peter Ubertaccio, who explained local redistricting issues, and library board member James Fowler who invited Randy Spenser, Maine fishing guide and raconteur.

Children's programs included Youth Librarian, Cathie Coyne's fourteen story times a month for 6-month to 6 year-olds, author programs such as storytelling by Easton resident Leo Landry, and many special performances. The children also were treated to a visit with Cokie the Reading Dog, the Animal World Experience, and Mandarin Chinese lessons. We also hosted visitors from Parkview School and Ms. Cathie visited many elementary classrooms at all Easton elementary schools. Teenagers continued to meet for their group game, *Magic: a Gathering*. The annual Summer Reading Program enrolled 432 children and teens. Programs were funded by a $2,000 grant from the Mansfield Bank and prizes by the North Easton Savings Bank.

Statistics

	Circulation	Change from Prior Year	% Increase/Decrease
2010	182,576	25,489	16%
2011	178,787	-3,789	-2%

Circulation showed a small decline but we are still proud of our 69% growth from 109,334 five years ago. We are watching carefully the effect of users turning to electronic books as this year's statistics include 5,600 uses of eBooks. We now offer eBook readers for loan and free access to audio, print, and illustrated children's titles downloaded through the library catalog to any mobile device.

Fifty-three percent of Easton's population, 12,290 people, has a library card; there were 1,125 new registrations, a 4% increase. Computer use at 11,667 sessions increased 37%. One hundred thousand people use the library each year and daily attendance averages 375-400.

Budget. The library's budget includes 42% income from state and local government, 49% from private endowments, 4% from fundraising, and 5% from other sources. This year the state granted a waiver to

Easton along with 119 other municipalities which were not able to meet the state- mandated municipal funding requirement. The waiver means that we continue to be an accredited library, receive state aid, and participate in statewide inter-lending services. About 16% of the library's circulation includes materials received from other libraries.

Grants and Gifts and Fundraising. Colorful new shades were installed in the children's room thanks to donations from Mrs. David Ames, the Friends of the Library, donations made in memory of Doris Levantis, a retired educator, and from many individuals who contributed each time they visited.

We are most grateful to all donors to the annual fundraising appeal. Those who contributed more than $250 were welcomed into the *1883 Society* (named for the opening year of the library) and were treated to a private visit to the H.H. Richardson Gate Lodge, thanks to the graciousness of Mrs. Oliver F. Ames.

Thanks are also due to Marion Wingfield, library development manager, who organized fundraising events including a bus trip to the Harvard Glass Flowers museum, the Valentine Soiree, and the annual silent auction.

Facilities. The library's campus properties, Queset House and the 'pink cottage' at 56 Main Street provide program space as well as rental income. A suite at Queset House is rented to BCN Productions, a local company. The cottage is rented to The Learning Cottage, a local tutoring company.

Queset Garden. Although buried for almost a century, Queset Garden behind the library is becoming a central North Easton location for activities ranging from quiet strolls to celebratory events.

This year marked the 100th anniversary of Winthrop Ames' establishment of the garden. In honor of this landmark, the library received gifts from generous donors who reserved naming rights to places in the garden. A gift of $25,000 reserved the stage for Avery Lee Williams and Family. The North Easton Savings Bank donated $25,000 for the naming rights to the reflecting pool, and $5,000 for the south stone wall, in memory of Karen A. Carter, a long-time bank employee who died last year.

Also in honor of the garden's centennial, The Easton Historical Society, Oakes Ames Hall, and the library celebrated with a recreation of the play, *Life in Easton Long Ago*, written by Ruth Smith and Amory Parker and first presented 60 years ago. At the gala event, several local notables tried their acting skills and more than 100 people attended. Proceeds were donated to Queset Garden restoration.

This year the town approved a Community Preservation Act grant of $120,000 for phase II of the Queset Garden restoration, which includes two handicapped access points and restoration of the stage and arbor. Thanks are due to James Thomas, restoration architect, for design and ongoing project management. Thanks also to the Friends of Easton Public Gardens for their active maintenance of the garden

Long Range Plan. Thanks to community participation we completed the first long-range plan since the mid-1990s and submitted it to the Board of Library Commissioners. Having an up-to-date plan not only provides guidance for decision-making but also makes us eligible for state grants. Twenty residents participated in visioning sessions and 500 responded to an online questionnaire with supportive and informative responses.

Community Connections. Several very talented local people, Roula Lombardi, Kevin Kidd, Kevin Friend, Brian O'Neill, and Jason Daniels, have formed the library's Tech Committee which meets monthly to help us reach 21st century technology goals including social networking and video archiving projects. Special thanks also go to Jason Daniels, executive director of Easton Community Access TV, for providing cameras to film library programs and for airing our events on local cable.

The Friends of the Library book sale and Halloween party at Queset House brought in healthy income for their treasury. The Friends' and the Lion's Club donations to the library support 13 museum passes used by 800 patrons for free or reduced entrance to area museums.

The Easton Cultural Council's second annual Lantern Parade concluded with a concert at Queset Garden. The ECC awarded the library grants for this event and also for an adult art program.

The Easton Garden Club's Festival of Trees was a stellar first-time production held at Queset House. Imaginatively decorated trees supported by local businesses were on display and offered as raffle prizes. We were happy help the Garden Club and look forward to seeing the Festival of Trees annually.

The library and Easton's Council on Aging developed a joint outreach program to support COA volunteers who bring library materials to senior shut-in community members. Ian Dunbar, Adult Services Librarian, continues his monthly senior book club at Frothingham Hall.

Board, Staff, and Volunteers. Thanks are always due to the library's Board of Directors for their energy and support – the staff and the community are fortunate to have this dedicated group. Special staff recognition is due this year to Uma Hiremath and Joan Roan for leading the long range planning process, and Kathy Korona who runs the knitting group. We are also extremely grateful to our volunteers, whose 4,700 hours worked helped us with many large and small tasks.

We also humbly thank the Lion's Club for recognizing the library director's efforts on behalf of the library and the community with the 2011 Outstanding Service Award.

Respectfully submitted, Madeline Miele Holt, Executive Director

Library Information: Hours: Monday-Thursday 10-8; Friday 10-3 and Saturday 10-5. Closed on Saturdays July through Labor Day. Closed on all major national holidays.
Tel: 508-238-2000 – E-mail: info@amesfreelibrary.org – Website: www.amesfreelibrary.org

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AMES TRUST FUNDS

Following is a summary of the Ames Trust Funds held for the benefit of the schools and highways of the Town of Easton as of December 31, 2011. The total amount distributed by all three funds for 2010 was 5% more than the total amount paid for 2010. Dividend income from common stocks held in the portfolios accounted for sixty four percent of the total income earned with the balance coming from interest income earned on fixed income securities and certificates of deposit. This mix of income was almost the same as it was for 2010.

There is, as usual, a great deal of turmoil in world economies and capital markets. The Trustees will continue to work closely with investment advisors to assure that portfolio quality remains high and that income available for distribution is as high as prudent management permits.

	Book Value	12/31/11 Market Value	2011 Income Paid to Town
Highways Fund	$1,189,778.25	$6,941,434.96	$195,000.00
Highways Perm. Fund	$241,234.29	$283,300.44	$12,000.00
Schools Fund	$4,741,156.02	$5,911,603.01	$200,000.00

Respectfully,
James S. Thomas, Trustee

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE OAKES AMES MEMORIAL HALL ASSOCIATION, INC.

Income	Donors	8,875.00
	Rentals	17,075.00
	Investments	12,000.00
	Total Income.............	37,950.00
Operating Expenses		
Salaries/Fees:	Rental Agent	3,000.00
	Custodian	2,301.00
		5,301.00
Utilities:	Heating Oil	8,893.00
	National Grid	3,144.00
	Columbia Gas	657.50
	Town of Easton- Water	181.38
	Waste Management	1,152.17
	Verizon Telephone	540.00
		14,568.05
Fire Safety:	Town of Easton- Fees	488.98
	Sprinkler Inspections (4)	1,400.00
	Sprinkler System Maintenance	3,536.60
	Fire Extinguishers Inspection	100.00
		5,525.58
Insurance:	Liability and Workers' Comp.	798.00
Miscellaneous:	Design Services and Grant Writing	3,210.57
	Replace Furnace Flu, Clean-up	1,470.00
	Furnaces (4) Annual Maintenance	1,235.39
	Plumbing, Sump Repair	818.00
	Hardware &Cleaning Supplies	713.22
	Internet Marketing Research	600.00
	Chair & Carpet Cleaning	470.00
	Carpentry: First Floor Stage	400.00
	Tax Preparation	300.00
	Other	2,000.00
		11,217.18
	Total Operating Expense	37,409.81
	Net Income <Deficit>	540.19

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick L. Ames, President

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL BOARD

The calendar year 2011 marks the fifty- second anniversary of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project and its services to the cities and towns of Bristol County. The Project was established in 1958 as a result of numerous human and horse cases of Eastern Equine Encephalitis. Over the years, the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project has greatly reduced the exposure to this arbovirus and also the newly introduced West Nile virus.

Since the 1958 formation much has changed. New biological larvicides have been developed and used to suppress mosquito emergence. The Project has acquired new GPS guidance systems for the trucks and GIS mapping capabilities. Newer environmentally sensitive adulticides have been developed and adopted by the Project. During water management projects, low ground pressure machines are used to reduce secondary impacts to the environment. Increased mosquito surveillance, the cornerstone of Integrated Pest Management, continues every summer. The addition of molecular techniques by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health increased sensitivity of virus isolations and decreased turn around time between collections and results.

For the past 9 years, Bristol County Mosquito Control Project reported the most EEE isolations from mosquitoes in Massachusetts. During the 2011-mosquito season, over 46,167 mosquitoes were collected. There were 31 isolations of EEE with three collections from human biting mosquitoes and two human cases for the County. We had 28 mosquito isolates of WNV in the County with no reported human or horse cases. We also saw an expansion of the invasive Asian Tiger Mosquito- *Ae. albopictus*, within Bristol County.

The mosquito control project works year-round in its efforts to reduce mosquito breeding sites and adult mosquito populations. The Project uses several different measures of control in its never-ending fight against mosquitoes.

Spring and Summer Larviciding - To reduce the emergence of adult mosquitoes in areas where mosquito larvae are present.

Catch Basin Treatment - To stop mosquito emergence from rain-filled catch basins and storm drains.
Mosquito Surveillance Program - To monitor mosquito populations as to their type and number - a program necessary in encephalitis surveillance. Light trapping of mosquitoes is also useful to determine what areas have nuisance populations of mosquitoes.

Water Management - A year round endeavor to clean and maintain mosquito drainage ditches in areas to reduce standing water conducive to mosquito larvae.

Public Outreach: - Providing important information to the residents of the county with respect to personal protection against mosquito bites, mosquito breeding prevention on one's property and mosquito data.
It is the policy of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project to use pesticides that are environmentally sensitive so that they do not negatively impact people or the environment. We use as many of the biological insecticides as are practical with the environmental conditions present in the New England area. All of our spray equipment is calibrated periodically in order to insure that dosage rates remain at legal levels but are adequate to reduce mosquito populations. The operators of our spray equipment are state licensed pesticide applicators that are required to attend classes on pesticide safety on a yearly basis.

During the time period January 1, 2011– December 31, 2011 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project:

- Sprayed over 19,014.5 acres

- Treated 62.6 acres in 67 locations with *B.t.i.* for mosquito larvae
- Received 1,354 requests for spraying
- Cleared and reclaimed 990 feet of brush
- Cleaned 690 feet of ditches with machine
- Treated 1,199 catch basins

I would like to thank the town officials and the people of Easton for their continued support and cooperation and look forward to serving them in the coming year. Should anyone have a question as to what might be done to relieve a mosquito problem in their area, whether it is water management work, treatment of a breeding site, or just having an area checked, please feel free to call our office.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne N. Andrews, Superintendent
December 30, 2011

Bristol County Mosquito Control Commissioners:

Arthur F. Tobin, Chairman
Gregory D. Dorrance
Christine A. Fagan
Joseph Barile
Robert F. Davis

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE EASTON CULTURAL COUNCIL

The purpose of the Easton Cultural Council (ECC) is to award grants based on an allocation received annually from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The Council's goal is to support public programs that promote education, diversity, excellence in and access to the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences. Its mission is to directly affect the residents of Easton, to achieve the greatest community benefit, and to cultivate the arts through participation and appreciation. The ECC endeavors to make cultural opportunities accessible to all segments of the population, including but not limited to, all racial and ethnic groups, individuals with disabilities, veterans, women and children. We are pleased to say that we were able to fund several programs that will enrich the lives of Easton townspeople of all ages and backgrounds.

This past granting cycle we had 11 active members: Chair Heidi Harlfinger, Christine Junge, Mary Goulart, Carolyn Cole, and Peggy Flynn, Richard Connolly, Frank Smith, Linda Paolucci, Peter Buhl, Kate Mensch, Debbie Neumann.

The Council, due to continued state budget shortfalls, received reduced funding in comparison to the prior year. Unfortunately, this reduction in funding to Local Cultural Councils has occurred the last three years and has a negative impact on local programming and the Council's ability to support our local artists. During October of 2011, the Council received thirty-two applications, requesting funding totaling $17,475.00. After a series of meetings and deliberations, including interviews with several of the applicants, we voted in December 2011 to approve twenty-seven of those applications for a total of $5,5325.00 (5070 from state + 255 from cash and past abandoned grant funds) for programs or performances to take place in 2011/2012. The Easton Cultural Council held a LCO program, initiated on its own, on October 1, 2011, moved from August 27th, due to weather . The Council's Lantern Walk began at the Historical Society located at 80 Mechanic Street and preceded to the newly refurbished and renovated Ames Free Library Queset Garden. The evening was a success with activities for children and performances by Wayne Potash and Jubilate Chorale. It was estimated that over 100 people attended of all ages. ECC plans to make this an annual event and has already submitted and received approval from the state for its 2012 Lantern Walk.

Easton Cultural Council members are allowed to serve only six consecutive years and the Council is currently looking for new members. In June of 2012, two members will have served two (2) three-year terms of service and will effectively no longer be members. A Council must have a minimum of five in order to receive and distribute the annual state grant. If interested in becoming a member of the Council, please contact Kit Minsky for information at 508-230-0501 or email: kminsky@easton.ma.us.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Harlfinger, Chair

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SERVICES GROUP

The Southeastern Regional Services Group (SERSG) was initiated in 1993 with a mission "to serve as a catalyst and implementer for member communities that desire to act jointly to solve governmental problems or to deliver services to their citizens more effectively or efficiently." The nineteen member communities of SERSG benefit from shared administrative services provided by a regional administrator. Lara Thomas has served as regional administrator of SERSG since 2004. SERSG's work is supported by dues from the member communities, and dues have not increased since 2003. North Attleborough joined SERSG in March 2011 and Rockland chose not to renew its membership.

Annual procurements designed to save municipalities time and money are a major part of SERSG's services. Cooperative procurements for Paper, Office Supplies, and DPW Supplies and Water and Sewer Treatment Chemicals were held in the spring of 2011. In the fall, SERSG coordinated procurements for DPW Services and for Drug & Alcohol Testing Services for CDL drivers.

According to reports provided by paper and office supply vendor WB Mason Easton was able to realize savings of more than $180,000 off list prices for office supplies and paper during Fiscal Year 2011. New contracts were executed with Universal Business products for Fiscal Year 2012 through which Easton will obtain a discount of 65.63% off non-excluded office supplies in the S.P. Richards wholesaler's catalog. The new contracts for Drug & Alcohol Testing services resulted in no increase in pricing.

The estimated value of supplies and services procured for Easton's Department of Public Works totaled more than $2 Million. In addition to the savings of time due to SERSG handling the entire procurement up until contract execution, additional savings per year result from contract pricing. For example, Easton has a contract price of $60 per ton for hot mix asphalt and the lowest price available on the state bid is $68 per ton. For washed sand for ice and snow removal, Easton pays $10.74 per ton while the state contract price is $14.91 per ton and up.

In March 2011, SERSG sponsored a training at the Board of Directors' request on performance evaluations which was presented by LifeWatch Employee Assistance Program. A training on prevailing wage law and enforcement was offered to SERSG members in November and was presented by Assistant Attorney General Miranda Jones. Ms. Thomas also distributed a survey over the summer to determine what new initiatives members might be interested in. The survey resulted in the addition of five new services to the DPW Services procurement, and more procurements may be added in future years.

Finally, monthly meetings of the Board of Directors and the Highway Superintendents continued to provide valuable opportunities for representatives from member communities to share concerns and receive ideas and feedback about a wide variety of issues affecting municipalities.

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DATA PROCESSING DEPARTMENT

The Town of Easton Data Processing Department provides computer and technical support and service for the Easton Town Offices, the Department of Public Works, the Water Division, the Police and Fire Departments and the School Business Office. Data Processing is responsible for 21 servers, 106 desktop computers and 38 notebook computers. All sites are connected with Town owned 1GB fiber optic lines except Fire Station #2 which is connected using a secure virtual private network connection via two Comcast cable modems and Sonicwall firewalls. All of the town departments access the Internet thru a single Verizon FiOS line with a backup Comcast Internet connection at the Town Offices.

The process of virtualizing servers at the Police Station which commenced in 2010 finally finished in October of 2011. There are now virtual servers for both Fire and Police dispatch as well as the DPW, Water and School Department. The storage array is at the Police Station is receiving volume replicas from the Town Offices storage array. The storage array at the Town Offices is also receiving volume replicas from the Police Station storage array nightly. We now have a disaster recovery plan which will enable us to bring all servers up and online within a matter of hours should one of the two buildings suffer a catastrophic event. The Town now has 14 virtual servers which no longer require dedicated hardware. This is a cost saving measure as dedicated hardware would have needed to be replaced on a regular schedule. Additionally, unplugging all this hardware has resulted in a noticeable decrease in the electrical usage at the Town Offices, the Police Station, Water Division and School Business Office. Performance of these new virtual servers has given the town the ability to share and maximize memory and processor usage better than the old physical servers.

We are now using an integrated municipal application from a company known as SoftRight out of Westford, Massachusetts. The Town went live with the SoftRight Payroll application On January 1 of 2009. Since that time we have migrated all of our other applications including General Ledger, Budget, Accounts Payable & Purchasing, Fixed Assets, Payroll & Personnel, Treasury Receipts, Collector's Receivables, Tax Title, Water Billing and Trash Billing.

Michael Deltano, Information Systems Manager

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON GREEN COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

2011 proved to be an eventful third year for the Green Communities Committee. The Committee's mission is "to help educate the Town of Easton on clean energy options and measures that can be implemented to reduce energy use, conserve resources and reduce emissions; to assist in the development of cost effective projects on municipal facilities to reduce energy and resource use and develop renewable energy resources; and to promote awareness of new technologies and their potential impact on energy use and resource conservation".

The Committee holds meetings on a monthly basis. Elections were held during our July meeting when I received the honor of being re-elected as Chair, and Easton resident member Andrea Waldorf was re-elected as Clerk. Members also include Board of Selectmen appointee Ellen Barlow, School Board Committee appointee Colleen Less, resident Wendy Whitty, and resident and Town employee Karen Gallo. After graduating from Oliver Ames High School student Patrick Drown departed from his role in the Committee in July. The Committee thanks Patrick for his contributions and welcomes its new student representative Hayley Kallfelz.

During 2011, Committee members continued to reach out to the community via a variety of media. The Committee thanks Easton's Citizen/Business Advocate, Katherine Minsky, for posting agendas and minutes on the Town website's Green Communities Committee page. As the member of staff responsible for developing and maintaining the Easton Department of Public Works website I continue to update the DPW's "Green Page" with links to the Committee's webpage, and other relevant web resources.

Committee members attended the NRT Harvest Fair for a second year where outreach materials were distributed and the members conversed with fair attendees. Over 30 fairgoers signed up to receive Easton's Green Bytes newsletter. This event served as an opportunity for the Committee to announce the October launch of the Ames Free Public Library Meter Loan Program. Utilizing Clean Energy Choice grant funds, four electric meters were purchased and donated to the Library for patrons to borrow to monitor their home energy use and, as a result, discover areas where greater energy and cost efficiency could be achieved.

Easton received nearly $8,000 through the Clean Energy Center's Clean Energy Choice Grant in 2009 after the approval of a project designed by the Committee. In 2011 the CEC approved of the use of remaining grant funds for outreach initiatives including the purchase of solar powered holiday lights. The Committee voted to donate these string lights to the Lions Club for lighting the Rockery to serve as a public demonstration of clean energy at work.

The State's Green Communities grant program continued to be a focal point of the green initiatives of the Town and the Committee this year. Easton received its official designation as a Massachusetts Green Community in December of 2010. Through this designation the Town was eligible to receive $168,300 in grant funds for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. In January of 2011 I submitted a grant application for five projects utilizing the full grant amount. This application was approved by the DOER in March. On June 30th a press event was held at the Town Offices to announce Easton's Green Community designation and grant approval. Local and State officials attended this event as well as members of the Town of Scituate who accepted their community's designation also.

Due to its designation as a Green Community, and in addition to the grant, the Town of Easton also received three Big Belly solar powered trash compactors. The Committee contributed suggestions for placement of the receptacles. Two were installed near the High School (by the refreshment stand and tennis courts), the third is located in North Easton center.

Since receiving its initial Green Communities grant disbursement of $84,150 in September the Town has been progressing through contract and installation processes in order to execute the grant projects. These projects will include the installation of energy efficient heating and lighting systems at the Town Offices, Police and Fire Station, Middle School parking lot, and in the Water Divisions garage.

One grant project, the installation of energy efficient lights at the large High School gym, was completed after the school received a whole building assessment through the WBA National Grid program, following meetings I helped to arrange with the utility company. The assessment was at no cost to the schools after recommended gym lighting efficiency measures were chosen to be performed. Both gyms at the High

School have now been upgraded with energy efficient lighting and sensors funded in part through the Green Communities grant and National Grid rebates.

Through these projects and prior energy efficiency building upgrades, Easton aims to achieve a 20% reduction in energy consumption over five years, a criterion of the Town's Green Community designation. I continue to monitor the Towns energy consumption using Excel software and the State's MassEnergyInsight online program. Easton's baseline energy year from which consumption change is measured is FY2009.

Fiscal year 2010 showed a reduction of 8% from the baseline, while FY2011 showed a narrower reduction of about 3%. This smaller reduction may be in part due to the greater heating needs of a harsh winter season (e.g. natural gas use increased by a quarter of a percent). Easton's overall energy reduction margin is expected to grow as a result of efficiency projects and behavioral changes in town offices and school buildings (shutting off lights, unplugging equipment, and efficient heating and cooling practices, etc.).

Throughout 2011 I shared current green happenings at Committee meetings, produced and distributed newsletters and flyers, and participated in outreach activities including exhibiting materials at the Water Division's Open House in April. The Committee thanks Jack Marsh and the Water Division for welcoming us to their event. In May I was invited to present Easton's experience becoming a Green Community to members of other prospective Green Communities at the Audubon's Oak Knoll reservation in Attleboro. I also met with the Massachusetts Envirothon teams from both Oliver Ames High School and the Southeastern Regional School.

In September I completed and submitted documents nominating Easton for the State's Leading by Example (LBE) award. The year's many accomplishments concluded with the Town receiving the 2011 LBE award during a State House ceremony at which Town Administrator David Colton was presented with a plaque commemorating Easton's many achievements within the realm of sustainability.

I wish to thank each of the Committee members: Ellen Barlow of the Board of Selectmen, Colleen Less of the Easton School Committee, at-large members Easton residents Karen Gallo, Andrea Waldorf, and Wendy Whitty, and student members Patrick Drown and Hayley Kallfelz for your efforts thus far. Your concern for these issues is clear; your eagerness to address these matters coupled with your ideas on how to do so will enable the Committee to succeed in its mission. I look forward to working with you all throughout 2012 in this important work.

Respectfully submitted,

Adrienne Marie Edwards
Chair of the Easton Green Communities Committee

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

The Easton Agricultural Commission was appointed by the Board of Selectmen in September 2011 after a bylaw allowing establishment of the Commission was passed by Town Meeting vote in May, 2011. The Agricultural Commission, which is a seven-member board will promote, preserve, encourage and facilitate agricultural activities within the Town of Easton by representing the farming community to:

- Promote agriculture-based economic opportunities.
- Act as mediators, advocates, educators, and negotiators
- Preserve, revitalize, and sustain agricultural businesses and land.
- Preserve prime agricultural lands
- Advise other boards and commissions on projects and activities involving agriculture and agricultural lands.

The Commission will generally meet on the second Tuesday of the month. Since its formation the Commission has been very active. A draft workplan, identifying 1-, 3- and 5-year goals and objectives has been developed and is in the process of being refined. Members of the Commission will take responsibility for each of the goals and overseeing the steps necessary to achieve them. The Commission is working on a right-to-farm bylaw, which it hopes to present for adoption at the 2012 Annual Town Meeting and is actively working with the Wheaton Farm Committee and the Easton Conservation Commission to create community gardens at Wheaton Farm within the next two years. The Commission is also working with the Natural Resources Trust (NRT) of Easton to find a more advantageous location for the Farmer's Market.

The Commission is committed to supporting the expansion of locally available food products within Easton. The final workplan and project updates will be published to the Agriculture Commission page on the Town's website.

Respectfully submitted,

Edmund Hands, Chairman
Todd Sandstrum, Vice Chairman
Nora Yousif, Secretary
Patty Lynch-Chambers
Peter Palm
Sean Flynn
Rory O'Dwyer

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Mission Statement

The purpose of the Easton's Commission on Disability is to coordinate or carry out programs in coordination with programs of the Massachusetts Office on Disability in order to bring about full and equal participation in all aspects of life in the Town of Easton for people with disabilities.

508-230-0586

Massachusetts Office on Disability

Primary Mission

Ensure full and equal participation of all people with disabilities in all aspects of life by working to advance legal rights, maximum opportunities, supportive services, accommodations and accessibility in a manner that fosters dignity and self determination.

Americans with Disabilities Act

Signed into law on July 26 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act is a wide-ranging legislation intended to make American Society more accessible to people with disabilities.
Purpose: "To provide a clear and comprehensive national mandate for elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities…"

Easton's C.O.D.

The Commission was appointed in July 2007. We meet on the second Monday of every month at the Olmsted/Richardson School cafeteria at 6:30pm. We have met with the Council on Aging Director, Board of Health members, the Recreation Director, BAT (Brockton Area Transit), Brockton ARC, the Veterans' Agent and Selectmen Chairperson Colleen Corona. We have held in-service meetings with the State's Community Access Monitor Program and meet with Thomas P. Hopkins Director of the MA Architectural Access Board.

Please check out our Web Page http://www.easton.ma.us/Directory/discomm/DisComm.htm and forward any suggestions / questions. To Commission on Disability 136 Elm St N. Easton, Ma 02356

We are here to help raise public awareness in Easton and, if possible, help with individual issues, but we need to know you need our help. So contact us. **(508-230-0586)**

Robert Coe	Chairman
Patricia Somers	Vice-Chairman/Secretary
Jon Bewsher	Member
Jim Welcome	Member
Jeanne Parrinello	Member
Mark Trivett	Ex-Officio Member

We would like to acknowledge with thanks former members Paul DeCouto and Pam Booth.

2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF SELF HELP, INC.

During the program year ending September 30, 2011 Self Help, Inc., received a total funding of approximately $25.5M and provided direct services to 27,275 limited income households in the area.

In the TOWN OF EASTON Self Help, Inc. provided services totaling $373,918 to 490 households during program year 2011.

Self Help's total funding of $25,446,770 does not tell the real value of services delivered to the area as a whole. This funding enabled us to mobilize an additional $2,465,510 of other community resources such as, volunteers, donations of space, and private donations in the form of goods and services. Therefore, the total impact of Self Help, Inc. during the past program year was $27,912,280.

In addition, Self Help currently employs 242 individuals. Many of these individuals are of limited income and most reside in our service area.

We feel that October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011 was a successful program year for us because we were able to assist as many individuals and/or families as we did, regardless of the challenges of being a human service provider.

We thank the Town of Easton, its board of selectmen, its representative to our board of directors Ms. Doreen Lindsay, and all the volunteers for helping us to make fiscal year 2011 a successful one.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Wang
Human Resource Director
Self Help, Inc.

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

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Jeremy P Gillis, CMC, Town Clerk
Lucia Longhurst, Principal Clerk
Teressa Wooding, Principal Clerk

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

2011, while not a busy election year, was one that kept the Office of the Town Clerk in constant motion. We bid a fond farewell to Marie Graca, Assistant Town Clerk, who served in this office for many years, and the Town overall for 27 years. The Office welcomed Teressa Wooding as a Principal Clerk after her nearly 15 years in the Health Department, and after a brief absence, we welcomed back Lucia Longhurst to her former position of Principal Clerk. The Town Clerk obtained International Certification as a Certified Municipal Clerk through the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. The Office revamped and updated our physical meeting posting calendar in Town Hall, as well as adding an online version, accessible 24/7 to all residents of the Town. This was accomplished at no cost to the residents, and vastly improves the transparency of meetings of public bodies of the Town. This calendar may be accessed thru the Town Clerk's webpage, as well as by scanning the QR code found above. Technology is always on the move in this Office. This Office went live with the Commonwealth's new online birthing system, which will improve the speed at which new parents are able to obtain a birth certificate for their child. Eventually this system will allow state-wide issuance of vital records, regardless of community. Deaths and Marriages will be added to the system sometime in 2012 and 2013, respectfully. Unfortunately, due to new regulations issued by the Department of State, the Office of the Town Clerk is no longer able to serve as a passport agent. The Office regrets this decision, and apologizes to the residents of Easton for any inconvenience. 2011 was an "Ethics" year for most employees of the Town, therefore this office was tasked with collecting over 1000 Ethics training receipts from all employees, elected officials, board members and most volunteers. The office also met its annual requirement to distribute a copy of the conflict of interest law to all of these people as well. While 2011 did not have a large number of elections, we still conducted the Annual Town Election in April, as well as the Annual Town Meeting in May. Results follow in this report. The Office of the Town clerk would like to thank all the residents of Easton for the past year, and we look forward to a busy 2012.

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK MISSION STATEMENT

To facilitate the efforts of Easton residents, visitors and employees to access public information in an efficient, transparent and timely manner, To enable voters to avail themselves of the democratic process, to provide high quality service in a courteous and professional manner, to strive to improve both the Office and its employees through habitual innovation and education, to preserve and promote the history of the Town through its historical documents and artifacts, and to comply with Federal, State and Local statutes.

General Powers and Duties

The Easton Town Clerk is appointed by the Town Administrator. He holds the rank of department head. State law provides that the Town Clerk is the official keeper of the Town Seal and the Town's Oath Book. He and both members of his staff are Notaries Public and have the authority to notarize documents signed in their presence. The Town Clerk serves as the custodian of Town records and official documents. He is responsible for the maintenance, preservation and disposition of all Town records. He is required by state law to ensure that Town records are readily available for public inspection.

Registrar of Vital Records and Statistics

The Town Clerk also acts as the Town Registrar of Vital Records and Statistics. He accepts for filing and maintains records of all births, deaths and marriages that occur in Easton. The Town Clerk is authorized to issue certified copies of birth, death and marriage records, and administers adoption and record-change depositions. There is no fee for filing a vital record; however there is a fee for obtaining a certified copy of a vital record. The fee is $20.00 for the first copy and $10.00 for each additional copy (if requested when obtaining first copy). Anyone may inspect vital records *(except out of wedlock birth records may be inspected only by those individuals named on the record)* for the cost of retrieval.

Marriage Licenses

The Town Clerk issues marriage licenses. Persons wishing to obtain a license must file their intentions with the Town Clerk in person (*except for in cases where one person is in the military or incarcerated*) at least three days before the ceremony. The cost of a License in Easton is **$40.00**. The license is valid for sixty days, and may be used for a ceremony conducted in any Massachusetts city or town. The member of the clergy or Justice of the Peace who performs the ceremony must sign the license and return it to the city or town where it was issued.

DBA Certificates

All fictitious name certificates for businesses (commonly known as "doing business as" or "dba" certificates) are filed with the Town Clerk. The dba files allow consumers to identify and locate the proprietor of a business which goes by a name other than that of the proprietor. The filing of the dba certificate also serves notice that the filer claims exclusive use of the name contained in the certificate. Easton maintains a database of dba information which includes records for the proceeding five years. Once filed a certificate is valid for four years. The fee for filing is **$50.00**.

Dog Licenses

All dog owners in the Town must obtain a license for their dog(s) by the 1st of January annually. A license will be issued only if the owner has evidence of a rabies vaccination which is valid as of the date of issuance. The fee for a dog license is **$10.00** for a spayed or neutered dog, **$15.00** otherwise. A Late Fee of **$5.00 per month** is added if the dog is not licensed by March 1st or within 60 days of obtaining the dog(s). Owners of unlicensed dogs are also subject to violation of Dog Control By-Law fees. If you have four or more dogs, you must obtain a kennel license from the Town Clerk. You also have to receive permission from the Easton Zoning Board of Appeals. The Zoning Board of Appeals can be reached at (508) 230-3413.

Town Archivist & Records Manager

Easton is a Town with a long and rich history which is preserved in records contained in the Town Archives. State law requires the Archivist to establish records management procedures for the retention, storage and retrieval of Town administrative and legislative records, as well as respond to requests for public information. The Archivist is responsible for creating indices and employing technologies such as microfilm and microfiche which allow for prompt retrieval of materials in the Town's archival collection. The Archivist also must establish procedures to ensure the secure preservation of the records, such as a climate-controlled vault built and maintained in accordance with state standards.

VITAL STATISTICS

In 2011, The Town of Easton registered the following number of Vital events:

Births: **206**

Deaths: **203**

Marriages: **87**

LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED

In 2011 the Office issued the following number of Licenses and permits:

Dog: **2055**

Business Certificate: **178**

Yard Sale: **81**

Raffle: **5**

Hunting/Fishing: **254**

REVENUE

In 2011, the Office collected an overall amount of **$112,878.51**

VOTER REGISTRATION

In 2011 the office recorded the following:

New Voters: **530**

Change of Registration: **863**

Deleted voters: **297**

ELECTIONS AND TOWN MEETINGS

RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION 04/26/2011:

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 YEAR)							
Candidate	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
TODD M GORNSTEIN	79	162	54	123	97	67	582
All Others	3	8	2	2	3	3	21
Blanks	40	84	26	70	35	28	283
Total	122	254	82	195	135	98	886

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (1 YEAR)							
Candidate	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
DANIEL J MURPHY	95	169	52	128	103	65	612
DAVID C. NELSON	26	77	28	62	27	26	246
All Others	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
Blanks	0	6	2	5	5	7	25
Total	122	254	82	195	135	98	886

BOARD OF ASSESSORS (3 YEAR)							
Candidate	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
GERALD J NOONAN	89	178	57	131	97	62	614
All Others	0	2	0	1	0	1	4
Blanks	33	74	25	63	38	35	268
Total	122	254	82	195	135	98	886

BOARD OF HEALTH (3 YEAR)							
Candidate	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
GILBERT A HEINO	89	197	58	136	96	63	639
All Others	0	2	1	1	0	1	5
Blanks	33	55	23	58	39	34	242
Total	122	254	82	195	135	98	886

HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 YEAR)							
Candidate	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
SANDRA CONANT	57	122	22	70	66	40	377
ELAINE SEARS	44	98	48	85	53	47	375
All Others	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Blanks	21	32	12	40	16	11	132
Total	122	254	82	195	135	98	886

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 YEAR)							
Candidate	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
CAROLINE S. ONEILL	67	167	46	107	97	58	542
LAURIE L. HAN	68	127	39	95	76	42	447
All Others	1	4	1	2	0	3	11
Blanks	108	210	78	186	97	93	772
Total	244	508	164	390	270	196	1772

TURNOUT							
PRECINCT	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
ACTIVE VOTERS	1624	2559	2316	2342	2597	2475	13913
INACTIVE VOTERS	79	178	164	140	154	154	869
TOTAL VOTERS	1703	2737	2480	2482	2751	2629	14782
VOTED 04/26/2011	122	254	82	195	135	98	886
PERCENTAGE VOTED 04/26/2011	7%	9%	3%	8%	5%	4%	6%

FINANCE COMMITTEE (ONE YEAR)							
Candidate	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
IRWIN COHEN	6	9	0	4	10	9	38
KRISTINE ABRAMS	10	2	0	4	4	3	23
JAMES HAMILTON	1	1	4	0	0	0	6
RONALD CUPPLES	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
KEITH GRAVELINE	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
JUDI BENSON	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
RICHARD MCGRAIL	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
DAVID MILLS	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
SHARYN KATZ	0	1	0	0	3	0	4
PATTY LOCKE	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
All Others	5	8	3	35	13	6	70
Blanks	96	231	75	152	104	80	738
Total	122	254	82	195	135	98	886

FINANCE COMMITTEE (THREE YEAR)							
Candidate	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
KIMBERLY DUBOIS	65	142	42	101	79	49	478
JACK WAKSMAN	57	117	37	95	71	46	423
DAVID MILLS	3	7	2	2	14	4	32
KRISTINE ABRAMS	2	0	0	0	0	1	3
JAMES HAMILTON	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
IRWIN COHEN	0	4	0	0	0	1	5
SHARYN KATZ	0	2	0	0	2	0	4
EDWARD JACOBSEN	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
KEITH GRAVELINE	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
ANN MARTIN	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
MICHAEL BOSSE	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
All Others	0	0	0	6	2	0	8
Blanks	237	490	164	380	234	193	1698
Total	366	762	246	585	405	294	2658

FINANCE COMMITTEE (2 YEAR)							
Candidate	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
FREDERICK ISLEIB	77	150	51	110	83	58	529
All Others	3	4	30	3	2	2	44
Blanks	42	100	1	82	50	38	313
Total	122	254	82	195	135	98	886

LOCAL TOWN ELECTION
EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS
Tuesday, April 26, 2011
JEREMY P GILLIS, CMC TOWN CLERK

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

JEREMY P GILLIS, CMC
TOWN CLERK

EASTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY, 16, 2011 7 PM
OLIVER AMES HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
LOTHROP STREET, EASTON

RESULTS

EASTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY, 16, 2011 7 PM
OLIVER AMES HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
LOTHROP STREET, EASTON

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:03 PM
QUORUM PRESENT: YES
ARTICLE #: 1

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 1. ACCEPTANCE OF ANNUAL REPORTS

To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Selectmen, Town Administrator, Assessors, Board of Health, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Town Accountant, Director of Public Works, and other Departments, Boards and Committees of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Corona

Motion: I move that the Town vote to accept the reports of the Selectmen, Town Administrator, Assessors, Board of Health, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Town Accountant, Director of Public Works, and other Departments, Boards and Committees of the Town.

Explanation: This is an annual vote to accept the Town Report.

Vote Required: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 1 TOWN MEETING ACTION: VOTED
ARTICLE PASSES

A true record. Attest:

Jeremy P Gillis, CMC
Town Clerk of Easton

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MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:03 PM

QUORUM PRESENT: YES

ARTICLE #: 2

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 2. AUTHORIZE REVOLVING FUND FOR RECREATION AND TRANSFER FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Recreation Department, pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 44, section 53E 1/2, to set up a revolving fund for fiscal year 2012, known as the "Recreation Revolving Fund", which shall be accounted for separately from all other monies of the Town, and to which shall be deposited departmental fees and receipts, to pay for the reasonable costs and expenses, for supplies and services as deemed necessary by the Recreation Department for the purpose of operating recreational programs and activities for the Town of Easton, with said departmental fees and receipts to be expended without appropriation, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund shall be expended only for the purpose of paying for supplies, services, and the administrative costs related thereto, as deemed necessary by the Recreation Department for the operation of recreational programs and activities for the Town of Easton;
2. Only fees and receipts received in connection with recreational programs and activities shall be deposited in such account;
3. The Recreation Department shall be the only Town body authorized to expend such fund, and
4. The amounts expended from fiscal year 2012, "Recreation Revolving Fund", shall not exceed $ 200,000.

and further, to transfer the sum of $30,000 from the existing recreation revolving account for startup costs, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Town Administrator

Selectman: Barlow

Motion: I move that the Town, pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 44, section 53E 1/2, vote to establish a revolving fund for the Recreation Department for fiscal year 2012, known as the "Recreation Revolving Fund" as printed in your warrant.

Explanation: The Recreation Department has expanded to a point where the current revolving fund is no longer the optimal choice for funding departmental programs and activities. Only a small portion of departmental costs are now currently funded from the general operating budget. A revolving fund authorized under M.G.L. 44, section 53E ½ will further allow other costs to be charged to the revolving fund rather than the operating budget and remove limitations on balance restrictions at year end.

Vote Required: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 2 TOWN MEETING ACTION: VOTED
ARTICLE PASSES

A true record. Attest:

Jeremy P Gillis, CMC
Town Clerk of Easton

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES

ARTICLE #: 3

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 3. RE-AUTHORIZATION OF REVOLVING FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize revolving funds for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012 under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, §53E½ for the following:

Revolving Account	Spending Authority	Revenue Source	Allowed Expenses	Expenditure Limits	Year End Balance
Conservation Commission Chapter 227 Filing Fee Account	Conservation Commission	Fees required by Chapter 227, Wetlands Regulations, of the Code of the Town of Easton	Supplies, services and administrative costs as necessary to aid the Commission in making decisions on conservation applications, or enforcement actions.	$50,000	Available for expenditure next year
Revolving Account	**Spending Authority**	**Revenue Source**	**Allowed Expenses**	**Expenditure Limits**	**Year End Balance**
Subdivision Review, Special Permit and Inspection Fees Account	Planning & Zoning Board	Fees received from applicants for subdivision or special permit approval for application review, publication of notices and inspections	Services of expert engineers and consultants, related administrative costs, deemed necessary by the Board; costs and expenses of application review and inspections during construction; the purchase of software; and any other related expenses.	$50,000	Available for expenditure next year
Town Clerk's Record Preservation Fund	Town Clerk	Fees and receipts received from a surcharge applied to all certified vital record copies	Supplies, services, and related administrative costs to aid in the preservation, restoration and documentation of the permanent records of the Town.	$10,000	Available for expenditure next year

or take any other action with respect thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Noonan

Motion: I move that the Town vote to re-authorize revolving funds for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012 under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, §53E½ for the revolving funds as printed in your warrant.

Explanation: This article is required annually to re-authorize revolving funds previously established by Town Meeting.

Vote Required: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 3 TOWN MEETING ACTION: VOTED
ARTICLE PASSES

A true record. Attest:

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Town Clerk of Easton

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES

ARTICLE #: 4

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 4. SUPPLEMENT FISCAL YEAR 2011 BUDGETS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement fiscal year 2011 budgets, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Gornstein

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $135,800 to supplement the following fiscal year 2011 budgets:

ACCOUNTANT	**$ 2,824**
TOWN COLLECTOR/TREASURER	**3,987**
TOWN COUNSEL	**15,000**
POLICE	**41,307**
FIRE	**26,597**
AMBULANCE	**1,972**
INSPECTIONAL SERVICES	**8,269**
BOARD OF HEALTH	**2,798**
COUNCIL ON AGING	**3,046**
VETERANS DEPARTMENT	**30,000**
TOTAL	**$ 135,800**

and further, that to meet this appropriation, $5,000 shall be transferred from the fiscal year 2011 Selectmen budget, $5,000 shall be transferred from the fiscal year 2011 Reserve Fund, $4,500 shall be transferred from the fiscal year 2011 Town Clerk budget, $106,300 shall be transferred from the fiscal year 2011 Employee Benefits and Insurance budget, and $15,000 shall be transferred from available litigation funds.

Explanation: At this time, supplemental funding is needed to cover a portion of a "53rd payroll" and several departmental shortfalls. The Town budgets salaries on a 52 week basis. However, every few years the Town must budget a "53rd payroll," similar to an extra day in a leap year, because 365 days is actually 52.2 weeks. FY12 would normally contain the 53rd payroll; however since the first payroll in FY12 will be for the week ending July 2nd, approximately 80% of that first week relates to June. Due to the existing limitations in funding the FY12 budget, the June portion will be funded from surplus funds in the FY11 operating budget through this article. Individual departments will absorb their share wherever possible. The net amount to be appropriated is estimated at $86,732. In addition, the Town Counsel, Inspectional Services and Veterans budgets require supplemental funding in the amounts of $15,000, $4,068, and $30,000 respectively.

Vote Required: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 4 TOWN MEETING ACTION: VOTED
ARTICLE PASSES

A true record. Attest:

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Town Clerk of Easton

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES
ARTICLE #: 5

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 5. PAYMENT OF BILL(S) FROM A PRIOR FISCAL YEAR

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the cost of bills incurred in a prior fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Murphy

Motion: I move to dismiss Article 5.

Explanation: There are no prior year bills at this time. This article will be dismissed unless any prior year bills are discovered.

Vote Required: Majority to dismiss (4/5ths if voting to actually raise and appropriate)

ARTICLE 5 TOWN MEETING ACTION: DISMISSED

A true record. Attest:

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Town Clerk of Easton

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES
ARTICLE #: 6

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 6. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVOR AND PREVENTION SERVICES

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, the amount of $5,000 to fund a contract for fiscal year 2012 for services provided to sexual assault survivors and their families, as well as services associated with the prevention of sexual assaults and other services associated therewith, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into said contract, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Corona

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate by transfer from overlay surplus, the amount of $5,000 to fund a contract for services provided to sexual assault survivors and their families, as well as services associated with the prevention of sexual assaults and other services associated therewith, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into said contract.

Explanation: We have appropriated funds for this purpose for many years and propose that we continue to make these essential services available in the community.

Vote Required: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 6 TOWN MEETING ACTION: VOTED
ARTICLE PASSES

A true record. Attest:

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Town Clerk of Easton

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES

ARTICLE #: 7

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 7. ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMPENSATION

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as follows:

Board of Selectmen, each member	$1,800
Board of Health, each member	$1,000
Board of Assessors, each member	$1,800
Moderator	$ 100

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Corona

Motion: I move that the Town vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as printed in your warrant.

Explanation: This is an annual article, required by statute, to set the salary levels for all compensated elected officials.

Vote Required: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 7 TOWN MEETING ACTION: VOTED
ARTICLE PASSES

A true record. Attest:

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Town Clerk of Easton

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES

ARTICLE #: 8

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 8. FY 2012 OPERATING BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to defray the Town charges for the ensuing fiscal year including the salaries of the several elected and appointed officers of the Town, and make appropriations for same, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Town Administrator

Selectman: Corona

Motion: I move that the Town appropriate the sum of $65,245,254 of which $60,037,630 shall be raised by taxation, $1,265,000 shall be transferred from free cash, $61,057 shall be transferred from the Conservation Fund, $76,675 shall be transferred from the Septic Betterments Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account, $26,000 shall be transferred from the Recreation Revolving Account, $70,000 shall be transferred from overlay surplus, $2,898,392 shall be transferred from water receipts, and $810,500 shall be transferred from solid waste & recycling user fees all to meet the Town charges, including the salaries of several elected and appointed officers of the Town for fiscal year 2012 as follows:

FD-DPT	DEPARTMENT NAME	AMOUNT
01.120	SELECTMEN	$ 324,829
01.131	FINANCE COMMITTEE	1,500
01.132	RESERVE FUND	60,000
01.135	ACCOUNTANT	188,232
01.140	ASSESSORS	220,139
01.145	TOWN COLLECTOR/TREASURER	306,357
01.150	TOWN COUNSEL	150,000
01.155	DATA PROCESSING	183,167
01.160	TOWN CLERK	193,549
01.175	PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	235,430
01.210	POLICE	3,665,157
01.220	FIRE	2,856,778
01.231	AMBULANCE	412,501
01.240	INSPECTIONAL SERVICES	275,083
01.310	SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL	731,211
01.400	DPW ADMINISTRATION	2,567,086
01.510	BOARD OF HEALTH	201,972
01.541	COUNCIL ON AGING	220,934
01.543	VETERANS DEPARTMENT	298,426
01.610	LIBRARY	443,500
01.630	RECREATION DEPARTMENT	16,550
01.700	MATURING DEBT & INTEREST	4,936,444
01.910	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS & INSURANCE	11,129,628
01.920	OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT	102,100
61.450	WATER DIVISION	2,350,639
61.430	SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING	810,500
01.300	SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	32,363,542
	TOTAL FY 2012 BUDGET	$ 65,245,254

Explanation: This is the annual operating budget for the Town. The Town Administrator and others will make a presentation at town meeting regarding this proposal.

Vote Required: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 8 TOWN MEETING ACTION: VOTED
ARTICLE PASSES

A true record. Attest:

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Town Clerk of Easton

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES

ARTICLE #: 9

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 9. LONG-TERM LEASE FOR PHONE SYSTEM

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a five year lease for the purchase of a telephone system for the town offices, fire and public works departments, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Town Administrator

Selectman: Barlow

Motion: I move that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a five year lease for the purchase of a telephone system for the town offices, fire and public works departments.

Explanation: The existing telephone system is leased by the town on an operating basis and is not owned. This authorization will enable the town to install a new system that will be owned by the town at the end of the lease. Funding for the lease payments will come from the annual operating budget.

Vote Required: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 9 TOWN MEETING ACTION: VOTED
ARTICLE PASSES

A true record. Attest:

Jeremy P Gillis, CMC
Town Clerk of Easton

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES
ARTICLE #: 10

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 10. ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR NORTH EASTON VILLAGE WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND COLLECTION FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION

To see if the Town will vote to amend ARTICLE 3 of the April 5, 2010 Special Town Meeting to appropriate an additional sum of money in the amount of $3,300,000, such that the total amount appropriated is $4,860,000, for the purpose of financing the planning, design, and construction of the expanded and enhanced North Easton Village Wastewater Treatment Facility and appurtenances, and for the North Easton Village Sewer Collection Facilities, such costs to include construction engineering, legal, fiscal and administrative costs, and all other costs incidental or related thereto; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise; to determine whether the Selectmen, acting as Sewer Commissioners, shall be authorized to apply for, accept, and expend any federal and/or state grants or other aid available for the project or for the financing thereof to help reduce the local share impacts of the project; and to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman Ellen Barlow moved the Following:

Motion: I move to amend ARTICLE 3 of the April 5, 2010 Special Town Meeting so that the amended vote reads as follows:

> **"that the town appropriate the sum of $4,860,000 for the purpose of financing the planning, design, and construction of the expanded and enhanced North Easton Village Wastewater Treatment Facility and appurtenances, and the North Easton Village Sewer Collection Facilities, such costs to include construction engineering, legal, fiscal and administrative costs, and all other costs incidental or related thereto, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow $4,860,000 and issue bonds or notes therefor under Chapter 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town unless the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by local system revenues as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan; that the Selectmen are authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection; that the Selectmen, acting as Sewer Commissioners, be authorized to apply for, accept, and expend any federal and/or state grants or other aid available for the project or for the financing thereof to help reduce the local share impacts of the project; and to authorize the Selectmen to do or take any other action necessary to carry out the project on behalf of or in the name of the Town."**

Explanation: This article is requesting authorization to amend ARTICLE 3 of the April 5, 2010 Special Town Meeting which requested $1.56M for the Ames Shovel Works Wastewater Treatment Facility. This article provides a total amount of funding under the amended article of $4,860,000 for the purpose of the expanded and enhanced wastewater treatment facility and collection facilities to serve approximately 75 homes and the commercial properties in North Easton Village. Besides granting the Selectmen the authority to borrow under Massachusetts municipal finance statutes, the amended article gives the Board of Selectmen authority to apply for, accept, and expend any federal and/or state grants and/or funds from the proceeds of any federal and/or state low interest loan programs for the purpose of the project or its financing to help reduce the local share impacts of the project.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 10 TOWN MEETING ACTION: DECLARED 2/3 VOTE BY MODERATOR
ARTICLE PASSES

A true record. Attest:

Jeremy P Gillis, CMC
Town Clerk of Easton

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES

ARTICLE #: 11

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 11. SEWERAGE DISTRICT BYLAW

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton General By-laws by adopting a new Chapter 224 entitled Sewerage District By-Law as follows:

CHAPTER 224 SEWERAGE DISTRICT BY-LAW

Article I. Title, Authority and Purpose

§224-1 TITLE AND AUTHORITY: The "Easton Sewerage District By-Law" and all subsequent amendments thereto, hereinafter called "this By-Law", is adopted pursuant to the authority granted by Chapter 83 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and amendments thereto, and the powers granted to the Town of Easton, hereinafter called "the Town", under the Home Rule amendment to the Massachusetts Constitution. In addition to the purposes stated herein this By-Law gives consideration to the development objectives and recommendations contained in the Easton Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan, hereinafter referred to as the "CWMP".

§224-2 PURPOSE: The purposes of this By-Law are to promote the health, safety, morals, convenience and general welfare of the inhabitants of the Town; to lessen the risk from the collection, transmission, treatment and disposal of sewage ; to protect and conserve health; to secure safety from untreated or improperly treated sewage dangers; to conserve natural resources and protect public and private water supply; to improve the value of real estate and beautify the Town by encouraging the most appropriate uses of land within the Town; and to preserve, increase and sustain the amenities of the Town.

Article II. Definitions

§224-3 MEANING: For the purpose of this By-Law certain terms and words shall have the following meanings, as stipulated herein or in the Sewer Use Regulations. Words used in the present tense include the future; the singular number includes the plural; the plural the singular; the words "used" or "occupied" include the words "designed," "arranged," "intended," or "offered," to be used or occupied; the words "building," "structure," "lot," "land," or "premises" shall be construed as though followed by the words "or any portion thereof"; and the word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory. Terms and words not defined herein but defined in the Sewer Use Regulations shall have the meanings given therein unless a contrary intention clearly appears.

A. Easton Sewer District – a local sewer district, hereinafter called "the District", adopted by the May 17, 2010 approval of ARTICLE 19 of the Easton 2010 Annual Town Meeting, the boundaries of which are delineated on the plan entitled: "Town of Easton, Massachusetts, Proposed Sewer District, May 17, 2010" on file at the Easton Town Clerk's Office. The Sewer District boundaries are defined as those areas of the Town known as "wastewater needs areas" determined and described in the Easton Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan. Said District may be amended from time to time by Town Meeting.

B. Sewage/Wastewater – shall mean wastewater from homes, public buildings, commercial and industrial establishments, or any combination thereof, and shall include any surface or groundwater that may be present therein which enters the sewer system by natural means.

C. Sewer System/Sewerage – the public, physical infrastructure that is constructed, operated and maintained by the Town within the District, including the necessary equipment and appurtenances, to collect, transmit and treat sewage and dispose residual product.

D. Board of Sewer Commissioners – the Board of Selectmen, as authorized by the May 17, 2010 approval of ARTICLE 21 of the Easton 2010 Annual Town Meeting and as set forth in G. L. c 83.

Article III. Establishment of Sewer District(s) and Related By-Law

§224-4 EASTON SEWER DISTRICT MAP:

The location and boundaries of the Easton Sewer District are hereby established as shown on a map titled: "Town of Easton, Massachusetts, Proposed Sewer District'" dated May 17, 2010, hereinafter called "the Easton Sewer District Map", and accepted by approval of ARTICLE 19 at the 2010 Annual Town Meeting on May 17, 2010, which accompanies and is hereby declared to be a part of this By-Law. Said Map shall be kept on record at the Town Clerk's Office and may be amended from time to time by the Town Meeting.

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES

ARTICLE #: 11

§224-5 CHANGES TO THE EASTON SEWER DISTRICT MAP:
Any change in the location of boundaries of the District shall only be made through the amendment of this By-Law and shall be indicated by the dated alteration of the Easton Sewer District Map; and the Map, as altered, shall become a part of the By-law, as amended. It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Sewer Commissioners to recommend such alterations; and said recommended alterations shall require a vote of Town Meeting.

224-6 BOUNDARIES OF DISTRICT:
Where any uncertainty exists with respect to the boundary of any portion of the District, as shown on the Easton Sewer District Map, the following rules apply:

A. Where a boundary is indicated as a street, railroad, watercourse or other body of water, it shall be construed to be the centerline or middle thereof, or where such boundary approximates a Town boundary, then to the limits of the Town boundary.

B. Where a boundary is indicated as following approximately or parallel to a street, railroad, watercourse, or other body of water, it shall be construed to be parallel thereto and at such distance there from as dimensioned on the Easton Sewer District Map. If no dimension is given, such distance shall be determined by use of the scale shown on the Easton Sewer District Map.

C. Where a boundary is indicated as intersecting the centerline of a street, railroad, watercourse or other water body, it shall be construed to intersect at right angles to said centerline, or in the case of a curved centerline, at right angle to the tangent to the curve at the point of intersection.

D. Whenever any dispute arises on the District boundaries as to the exact location of a District boundary line, the location of such line shall be determined by the Board of Sewer Commissioners.

Article IV. Interpretation and Application

§224-7 INTERPRETATION:
The provisions of this By-Law shall be interpreted to be the minimum requirements adopted for the promotion of the health, safety, and general welfare of the Town; and the provisions of this By-Law are not intended to repeal, or in any way impair or interfere with any other lawfully adopted by-law, regulations, or rules. Whenever any regulations made under the authority hereof differ from those prescribed by any by-law or other regulations, that provision which imposes the greater restriction or the higher standard shall govern.

§224-8 APPLICATION:
Except as herein provided, the provisions of this By-Law shall apply to the construction, reconstruction, repair, alteration and use of public sewer systems in the District as set forth on the Easton Sewer District Map.

Article V. Board of Sewer Commissioners

§224-9 APPOINTMENT:

A. The Board of Selectmen shall serve as the Board of Sewer Commissioners. The Board of Sewer Commissioners shall determine the operating budget, user fees, and annual appropriation request, if any, for the Sewer System.

§224-10 MANAGEMENT AND BUDGETING:

A. The Board of Sewer Commissioners may appoint from time to time a Superintendent of Sewers who may also serve in another capacity within the Town. The Superintendent shall have the day- to -day management authority over the Sewer System and, as provided in G.L. c. 83, the authority to enter into contracts or to assist in the development, operation and administration of the Sewer System and to extend aid to the Sewer System ratepayers subject to the terms of this By-Law or the regulations adopted hereunder.

B. The Superintendent shall submit annually to the Board of Sewer Commissioners for its approval a summary of revenue and expense estimates for the ensuing fiscal year in accordance with G. L. c. 44 §53F ½ " Enterprise Funds" for Board of Sewer Commissioners review and approval and recommendation for budget approval at Town Meeting.

C. The Board of Sewer Commissioners shall determine the operating budget, user fees, and annual appropriation request, if any, for the Sewer System. Prior to submitting its annual appropriation request, if any, the Board of Sewer Commissioners shall determine its schedule of user fees.

1. User fees shall be set so as to generally reflect the costs of administering the day-to-day Sewer System operation and the processing of the content of the waste stream, and may include a schedule of fees based on user categories.

2. Such fees, prior to their effective date, shall be the subject of a public hearing, notice of which has been filed with the Town Clerk for posting at the Town Hall and the Public Works Facility, and advertised in a local newspaper at least fourteen days beforehand and again at

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least seven days prior the hearing. Written notice of the public hearing shall be sent first class mail (USPS) to the responsible party of each parcel within the Sewer System service area, as determined by the Town Collector's sewer billing records, not less than fourteen days prior to the hearing. In the event that a public hearing on user fees is held prior to the creation of billing records, written notice of the public hearing shall be sent first class mail (USPS) to the owner of record of each parcel within the service area, as determined by the Board of Assessors current records.

D. The Board of Sewer Commissioners shall determine and assess betterments in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 80 and 83 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or any other enabling authority. For the payment of the estimated and/or final capital costs attributable to the initial construction of each Sewer System service area, such betterments for the special benefit facilities in said Sewer System service area shall not, in the aggregate, exceed fifty percent of the capital costs of such System, and the balance of any such capital costs shall be raised through the appropriation of other available funds of the Town. Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 83 Section 15, the costs of Sewer System general benefit facilities including, but not limited to wastewater treatment facilities, disposal sites, and facilities, pumping stations, trunk mains, and force mains, shall be separated from the costs of special benefit facilities including, but not limited to the mains serving adjacent properties. Such separation of general and special benefit facilities will allow the Board of Sewer Commissioners to apply the pro rata share of the general benefit facilities to the initial phase and each succeeding phase of Sewer System construction within the District when calculating the applicable betterments.

E. The Board of Sewer Commissioners may from time-to-time create, issue and amend Sewer Use Regulations to fulfill the purpose of this By-Law, as provided in G.L. c. 83, § 10. Such Sewer Use Regulations or amendment thereto, prior to their effective date, shall be the subject of a public hearing, notice of which has been filed with the Town Clerk for posting at the Town Hall and the Public Works Facility, and advertised at least fourteen days prior to the hearing and again at least seven days prior to the hearing in a newspaper published in the Town, if there is any, and if not, then in a newspaper published in the county, and shall include a notice that said Regulations shall be available for inspection by the public. .

Article VI. Miscellaneous Provisions

§224-11 PROTECTION FROM DAMAGE:
No unauthorized person shall maliciously, willfully or negligently break, damage, destroy, uncover, deface or tamper with any pipeline, structure, appurtenance or equipment which is a part of the Sewer System.

§224-12. POWER AND AUTHORITY OF INSPECTORS:
The Superintendent and other duly authorized employees of the Town, hereinafter called "his representatives", bearing proper credentials and identification, shall be permitted to enter all properties within the District for the purpose of inspection, observation, measurement, sampling and testing in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter. The Superintendent or his representatives shall have no authority to inquire into any processes, including metallurgical, chemical, oil, refining, ceramic, paper or other industries, beyond that point having a direct bearing on the kind and source of discharge to the sewers or waterways or facilities for waste treatment.

§224-13. SAFETY; INDEMNIFICATION:
While performing the necessary work on private properties referred to in § 224-12, above, the Superintendent or his representatives shall observe all safety rules applicable to the premises established by the owner and the owner shall be held harmless for injury or death to the Town employees.

§ 224-14. RIGHT OF ENTRY:
The Superintendent or his representative shall be permitted to enter all private properties through which the Town holds a duly negotiated easement for the purpose of, but not limited to, inspection, observation, measurement, sampling, repair and maintenance of any portion of the Sewer System lying within said easement. All entry and subsequent work, if any, on said easement, shall be done in full accordance with the terms of the duly negotiated easement pertaining to the private property involved.

§ 224-15. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES:
A. Any person found to be violating any provision of this By-Law shall be served by the Town with written notice stating the nature of the violation and providing a reasonable time limit for the satisfactory correction thereof. The offender shall, within the time frame stated in such notice, permanently cease all violations.

B. Any person who shall continue any violation beyond the time limit provided for in § 224-15 shall be in violation of this by-law and may be fined in an amount not in excess of $300 per day, in addition to any additional fines as may be imposed by pertinent Rules and Regulations adopted by the Board of Sewer Commissioners. Each day in which any such violation shall continue shall be deemed a separate violation.

C. Any person violating any of the provisions of this By-Law shall become liable to the Town for any expense, loss, or damage occasioned the Town by reason of such violation.

D. The Superintendent shall be responsible for the enforcement of this By-Law.

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§ 224-16. SEVERABILITY:
The invalidity of any section, clause, sentence or provision of this By-Law shall not affect the validity of any other part of this By-Law which can be given effect without such invalid part or parts.

Or take any action relative thereto.

Selectman Ellen **Barlow moved the following:**

Motion: I move that the Town adopt a new Chapter 224 under the Town's general Bylaws, entitled Sewerage District By-Law, as printed in the warrant

Explanation: This Article creates a new bylaw to govern the use and operation of public sewers in Easton. It codifies the Easton Sewer District approved as Article 19 in the May 17, 2010 Annual Town Meeting, and established the governance of the Sewer District by the Board of Selectmen, acting at the Board of Sewer Commissioners. The bylaw works in tandem with the Sewer Use Rules and Regulations which outlines the specifications and operations, and maintenance of the public sewers in Easton.

Vote Required: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 11 TOWN MEETING ACTION: VOTED.

A true record. Attest:

Jeremy P Gillis, CMC
Town Clerk of Easton

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES
ARTICLE #: 12

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 12. NORTH EASTON VILLAGE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY AND SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM PROJECT PERMANENT EASEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to purchase, acquire or take by eminent domain, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money, either by appropriation, borrowing or otherwise, to fund said purchase or taking along with all costs incidental or relative thereto, certain temporary easements and permanent easements as necessary to facilitate the construction of the North Easton Village Wastewater Treatment Facility and appurtenances and Sewer Collection System as follows:

A. Permanent easements on two parcels of land bounded by Main Street, Oliver Street as shown on Assessors Map 16U and Lot 129, Map 16U and Lot 129B, Map 16U and Map 16U and Lot 127 as the easements are set forth on the plan attached hereto titled "Easement Plan" prepared for BC Shovel Works, LLC, C/O Beacon Communities LLC by Beals & Thomas, Inc. dated April 5, 2011 for the purposes of construction of a waste water treatment plant, leaching fields and appurtenances thereto; and

B. Permanent easement over an areas of 19,100 square feet more or less for Sewer Pumping Station #1 on Mechanic Street as shown on Assessors Map 16U and Lot 131 and as depicted on the figure titled "Proposed Site Plan" by Woodard & Curran dated April 2011 and the plan dated May 16, 2011 prepared by Alpha Surveying and Engineering, Inc., entitled: Easement for Sewer Pumping Station #1,

said plan(s) being available for review in the Office of the Board of Selectmen and that the Board of Selectmen shall be authorized to negotiate and enter into any and all documents necessary to effectuate these easements.

Or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman Sean Noonan moved the following

Motion: I move that the Town vote to purchase, acquire or take by eminent domain, including all costs incidental and related thereto, certain temporary easements and permanent easements as necessary to facilitate the construction of the North Easton Village Wastewater Treatment Facility and appurtenances and Sewer Collection System as further described under Article 12 of the warrant for this town meeting and to appropriate the sum of $20,000 and further, that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow $20,000 under M.G.L. c. 44 or any other enabling authority, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to do or take all actions necessary to carry out this project on behalf of or in the name of the Town also as further provided under Article 12 of such warrant.

Explanation: This article is requesting authorization to provide an appropriation for obtaining the necessary easement to effectuate the Ames Shovel Works Wastewater Treatment Facilities and prepare to receive sewage from built-up portions of North Easton Village at said facilities.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 12 TOWN MEETING ACTION: DECLARED 2/3 MAJORITY BY MODERATOR
ARTICLE PASSES.

A true record. Attest:

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Town Clerk of Easton

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES
ARTICLE #: 13

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 13. SEPTIC LOAN PROGRAM
To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of financing the following water pollution facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.
Submitted by Board of Health

Selectman Sean Noonan moved the following :

Motion: I move that $200,000 is appropriated for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow $200,000 and issue bonds or notes therefore under G.L. c.111, s.127B ½ and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that project and financing costs shall be repaid by the property owners, in accordance with those agreements, but such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the projects or for the financing thereof; and that the Board of Selectmen or other appropriate local body or official is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the projects and to take any other action necessary to carry out the projects.

Explanation: If approved, this will allow the Town to avail itself of funds available through the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust at 0% interest which will then be used to provide loans to residents for the express purpose of upgrading failed septic systems which are no longer protecting the public health. The monies will be offered as betterment loans which will be paid back with interest over a period of time, not to exceed 20 years. Betterments appear as additional charges on the real estate tax bill.
Since June of 1997 this program has been used by towns in Southeastern Massachusetts to provide individuals access to over 47 million dollars thus facilitating the upgrading of over 4,600 failed septic systems.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended
ARTICLE 13 TOWN MEETING ACTION: DECLARED 2/3 MAJORITY BY MODERATOR
ARTICLE PASSES.

A true record. Attest:

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES
ARTICLE #: 14

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 14. ACCEPTANCE OF CONSERVATION RESTRICTION / AMES SHOVEL WORKS
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, receive and hold a Conservation Restriction from BC Shovel Works LLC for portions of the property located at the Ames Shovel Works, 26, 28 and 34 Main Street and 13 Oliver Street, Easton as more fully set forth on a plan entitled "Ames Shovel Works Conservation Restriction and Easement Plan" dated April 21, 2011, and shown on that plan as "Open Space Area 1" and "Open Space Area 2" which said is available for review in the Office of the Board of Selectmen, 136 Elm Street, North Easton; and to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman Noonan moved the following, seconded by Selectman Barlow

Motion: I move that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, receive, accept and hold a certain Conservation Restriction from BC Shovel Works LLC, as described in the warrant and in a form as may be approved by Town Counsel.

Explanation: This article is a continuation of the April 5, 2010 Special Town Meeting Article 1 which authorized the use of community Preservation Act funds for the Ames Shovel Works project. The April 5, 2010 approved three "facets" of community preservation, the third of which was Open Space. This Article specifically defines the open space areas and acreage to be open to the public at no expense to the Town.

Vote Required: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 13 TOWN MEETING ACTION: VOTED
ARTICLE PASSES

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES
ARTICLE #: 15

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 15 . TRANSFER TO UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate and transfer from available funds a sum of money to be transferred into the unemployment trust fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Gornstein

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $45,000, to be transferred into the unemployment trust fund and that to meet this appropriation, $25,000 shall be transferred from overlay surplus and $20,000 shall be transferred from the Stabilization Fund.

Explanation: The balance in the trust fund has been depleted due to federal extensions of benefits and needs to be replenished.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 15 TOWN MEETING ACTION: DECLARED 2/3 VOTE BY MODERATOR
ARTICLE PASSES

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES
ARTICLE #: 16

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 16 . FUND SICK LEAVE BUYBACK REQUESTS AS REQUIRED BY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the cost of accumulated sick-leave required to be paid by collective bargaining contract, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Gornstein

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $50,252.10 by transfer from the Stabilization Fund to pay the cost of accumulated sick-leave required to be paid by collective bargaining contract.

Explanation: This article will fund the buyback of accumulated sick time for several members of the police union who have opted to purchase their time in the following fiscal year, rather than upon retirement, as allowed by union contract and the buyback of accumulated sick time for a former employee who was determined eligible through arbitration. These employees are grandfathered by the contracts which now do not include sick leave buy back provisions.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 16 TOWN MEETING ACTION: DECLARED 2/3 VOTE BY MODERATOR
ARTICLE PASSES

A true record. Attest:

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES
ARTICLE #: 17

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 17. RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS AND OTHER PAY FOR ACTIVATED PERSONNEL

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate and transfer from available funds the sum of $7,737.21 for the purpose of paying certain retirement contributions and other pay for personnel activated for military duty, or act thereon.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Gornstein

Motion: I move that the town vote to appropriate the sum of $7,737.21 for the purpose of paying certain retirement contributions and other pay for personnel activated for military duty and that to meet this appropriation, $7,737.21 shall be transferred from account 01.220.015.6209 voted pursuant to Article 11 of the May 19, 2008 Annual Town Meeting.

Explanation: This article funds county retirement contributions on the military share of pay for activated personnel during fiscal years 2009 and 2010 to allow for no loss in pension eligibility. The amounts due to the retirement board were not determined until after the fiscal year had closed. It was also discovered that one employee's pay was not adjusted for contractual increases when a collective bargaining agreement was settled and that pay is also included in the appropriation.

Vote Required: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 17 TOWN MEETING ACTION: VOTED
ARTICLE PASSES

A true record. Attest:

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES

ARTICLE #: 18

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 18. REPORT AND FY 2012 BUDGET OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2012 Community Preservation Budget and to appropriate or reserve for later appropriation monies from Community Preservation Fund annual revenues or available funds for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, the payment of debt service, the undertaking of Community Preservation Projects and all other necessary and proper expenses for the year, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

Selectman:Murphy

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate or reserve from Community Preservation Fund annual revenues the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for administrative expenses, community preservation projects, the payment of debt service and other expenses in fiscal year 2012, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation.

PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2012 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION BUDGET

Purpose	Recommended Amount
Appropriations	
Community Preservation Administrative Expenses	$ 57,793
Debt Service (Open Space Land Acquisition)	111,125
Reserves	
Open Space	4,460
Community Housing	115,585
Historic Resources	115,585
FY'11 Annual Budgeted Reserve	751,303

Explanation: This article proposes the fiscal year 2012 budget for the Community Preservation Committee. Estimated revenues for FY12 total $1,155,851.

Vote Required: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 18 TOWN MEETING ACTION: VOTED
ARTICLE PASSES

A true record. Attest:

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ARTICLE #: 19

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 19 . CITIZEN PETITION

To see if the Town will vote to reduce the local real estate tax surcharge from the prevailing CPA surcharge rate of 3 percent to a surcharge rate of 1.5 percent effective as of July 1, 2011. The existing two exemptions, which are (1) an exemption for the first $100,000 of assessed value for every residence, and (2) an exemption for property owned and occupied by lower income persons, will continue to be in effect.

Submitted by Citizen Petition

Albert Benson moved for approval of the article as printed, and was duly seconded:
Motion: For approval as printed in the warrant

Explanation: This article was submitted by Citizen Petition. The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen will speak regarding the Board's opposition to this article.

Vote Required: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Not Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Not Recommended

ARTICLE 19 TOWN MEETING ACTION: MOTION IS LOST
ARTICLE FAILS

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES

ARTICLE #: 20

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 20. CPA FUNDING FOR GOVERNOR AMES ESTATE

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, to appropriate $500,000 to fund a portion of the purchase of a conservation and/or historical preservation restriction in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44B, on the property known as the Governor Ames Estate, located at 35 Oliver Street, 23 and 27 Sullivan Avenue, 105 Elm Street, and 59 Pond Street, and listed on Assessors Map 12U as Lots 16 and 17; Map 16U as Lots 130 and 131; and Map 17 as Lot 2; and to meet said appropriation, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow the sum of $500,000 and to issue any bonds or notes which may be necessary for that purpose, as authorized by M.GL. c. 44B, §11, or any other enabling legislation; and to authorize the Selectmen to accept and/or convey such restrictions, as required under G.L. c. 44B; and further to authorize the Selectmen to apply for and accept any grants or gifts with respect to the purchase of said restrictions, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

Selectman: Murphy

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $500,000 to fund a portion of the purchase of a conservation and/or historical preservation restriction in compliance with M.G.L. c. 44B, on the property known as the Governor Ames Estate as further described under Article 20 of the warrant for this town meeting; and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow the sum of $500,000, also as further provided under Article 20 of such warrant.

Explanation: The Trustees of Reservations is working to acquire the Governor Ames Estate in order to protect the historic and natural resources on the site. The Trustee's proposal will preserve approximately 48 acres of open space and existing historic structures. The total cost of the project is approximately $4 million, with approximately $2 million to fund the purchase of the property and another $2 million to fund the public access improvements and ongoing stewardship obligations. The Trustees are requesting $500,000 from CPA funds to acquire a conservation restriction, $500,000 from State funds, and $3 million to be acquired through private fundraising efforts to fund the project.

The Community Preservation Committee recommended approval of funding for the Governor Ames Estate project at its meeting of March 3, 2011, subject to the following conditions: The conservation restriction shall be subject to approval by the Easton Conservation Commission, and shall include a clause to indemnify the Town against any reasonable costs or attorney fees to enforce the restriction.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 20 TOWN MEETING ACTION: DECLARED 2/3 VOTE BY MODERATOR
ARTICLE PASSES

A true record. Attest:

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES
ARTICLE #: 21

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 21. QUESET GARDEN RESTORATION

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44B, in accordance with the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee, to appropriate the sum of $120,000 from available Community Preservation Funds to fund Phase II of the Queset Garden historic restoration project at the Ames Free Library on 53 Main Street, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

Selectman: Corona

Motion: I move that the Town vote pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44B, in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, to appropriate the sum of $120,000 from Historic Preservation Reserves to fund Phase II of the Queset Garden historic restoration project at the Ames Free Library.

Explanation: The funding would allow for Phase II of the Queset Garden restoration project at the Ames Free Library. The work associated with this phase includes repairs to the stage and for ensuring safe and ADA compliant access to the terrace and stage areas of the garden.

Vote Required: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 21 TOWN MEETING ACTION: VOTED
ARTICLE PASSES

A true record. Attest:

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES
ARTICLE #: 22

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 22. OAKES AMES MEMORIAL HALL RESTORATION

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to G.L. Chapter 44B, in accordance with the recommendations of the Easton Community Preservation Committee, to appropriate the sum of $140,000 from available Community Preservation Funds to perform historical restoration work at Oakes Ames Memorial Hall, 1 Barrows Street Extension, said work to include restoration cleaning; repointing mortar joints, stone joints, and granite and brownstone; repair of masonry fractures and bulges; natural stone patching; replacement of granite stones; and sealant repair; provided that funding is contingent on the receipt of matching state grants to fund the remainder of the project; and further, authorizing the Selectmen to accept a historic preservation restriction on the property, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

Selectman Corona moved the following:

Motion: I move that the Town vote pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44B, in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, to appropriate the sum of $140,000 from account 14.170.015.6234 voted pursuant to Article 7 of the October 5, 2009 Special Town Meeting to perform restoration work at Oakes Ames Memorial Hall, subject to the condition that funding is contingent on the receipt of matching state grants.

Explanation: The proposed restoration work at Oakes Ames Hall includes restoration cleaning; repointing mortar joints, stone joints, and granite and brownstone; repair of masonry fractures and bulges; natural stone patching; replacement of granite stones; and sealant repair.

Vote Required: Majority
Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 22 TOWN MEETING ACTION: VOTED
ARTICLE PASSES.

A true record. Attest:

Jeremy P Gillis, CMC
Town Clerk of Easton

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES
ARTICLE #: 23

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 22. OAKES AMES MEMORIAL HALL RESTORATION
To see if the Town will vote pursuant to G.L. Chapter 44B, in accordance with the recommendations of the Easton Community Preservation Committee, to appropriate the sum of $140,000 from available Community Preservation Funds to perform historical restoration work at Oakes Ames Memorial Hall, 1 Barrows Street Extension, said work to include restoration cleaning; repointing mortar joints, stone joints, and granite and brownstone; repair of masonry fractures and bulges; natural stone patching; replacement of granite stones; and sealant repair; provided that funding is contingent on the receipt of matching state grants to fund the remainder of the project; and further, authorizing the Selectmen to accept a historic preservation restriction on the property, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

Selectman: Corona

Motion: I move that the Town vote pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44B, in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, to appropriate the sum of $140,000 from account 14.170.015.6234 voted pursuant to Article 7 of the October 5, 2009 Special Town Meeting to perform restoration work at Oakes Ames Memorial Hall, subject to the condition that funding is contingent on the receipt of matching state grants.

Explanation: The proposed restoration work at Oakes Ames Hall includes restoration cleaning; repointing mortar joints, stone joints, and granite and brownstone; repair of masonry fractures and bulges; natural stone patching; replacement of granite stones; and sealant repair.

Vote Required: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 23 TOWN MEETING ACTION: VOTED
ARTICLE PASSES

A true record. Attest:

Jeremy P Gillis, CMC
Town Clerk of Easton

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MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:03 PM

QUORUM PRESENT: YES

ARTICLE #: 24

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 24. AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to G.L. Chapter 44B, in accordance with the recommendations of the Easton Community Preservation Committee, to appropriate the sum of $207,500 from available Community Preservation Funds to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to facilitate implementation of Easton's Affordable Housing Action Plan, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

Selectman Barlow moved the following, seconded by Selectman Corona:

Motion: I move that the Town vote pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44B, in accordance with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, to appropriate the sum of $207,500 from Community Housing Reserves to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to facilitate implementation of Easton's Affordable Housing Action Plan.

Explanation: This would fund the Affordable Housing Trust's budget for FY 2012. The Trust works to implement the Affordable Housing Action Plan which provides resources and affordable housing options to low and moderate income residents.

Vote Required: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 24 TOWN MEETING ACTION: VOTED
ARTICLE PASSES.

A true record. Attest:

Jeremy P Gillis, CMC
Town Clerk of Easton

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MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:03 PM
QUORUM PRESENT: YES
ARTICLE #: 25

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 25. REPLENISHMENT OF CPA FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer available funds in the amount of $15,000 received as a grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission into the Community Preservation Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

Selectman Ellen Barlow moved the following:

Motion: I move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of $15,000 received as a grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission into the Community Preservation Fund.

Explanation: The Historical Commission received a $15,000 reimbursement grant award from the Massachusetts Historical Commission to conduct a Historic Property Survey of the North Easton Village. The project was funded with CPA funds. Subsequently, the project has been completed and the Town has received the reimbursement monies totaling $15,000. This Article asks the Town to vote to use the grant reimbursement to replenish the CPA funds used to conduct the survey.

Vote Required: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended
ARTICLE 25 TOWN MEETING ACTION: VOTED
ARTICLE PASSES.

A true record. Attest:

Jeremy P Gillis, CMC
Town Clerk of Easton

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MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:03 PM

QUORUM PRESENT: YES
ARTICLE #: 26

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 26. ACQUISITION OF LAND ON CHESTNUT STREET

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, with the approval of the Community Preservation Committee, to purchase the property located at 43, 47, and 51 Chestnut Street, shown on Assessor's Map 7R, Lots 7, 227, and 228, said property containing approximately 16.7 acres, more or less, owned by Chestnut Fields Realty Trust, being described in several deeds recorded in the Bristol County Registry of Deeds under the Community Preservation Act (Mass. Gen. Laws, c.44B) for one or more of the following uses:

- Acquisition, creation and preservation of land for recreational use; and
- Acquisition, creation and preservation of open space

and that, to fund such purchase and all costs incidental and related thereto, the Town appropriate the sum of $2,375,000 as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, and to meet said appropriation, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow the sum of $2,375,000 and to issue any bonds or notes which may be necessary for that purpose, as authorized by Mass. Gen. Laws, c. 44B, §11, or any other enabling legislation; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all actions necessary to accomplish said purpose; and further, to convey all or part of the land to the care, custody and control of the Board of Selectmen and/or the Conservation Commission; and further, to authorize the Selectmen to accept and/or convey conservation or preservation restrictions as may be required by G.L. c 44B or otherwise; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

Selectman Colleen Corona moved the following

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $2,375,000 for the purchase of the property located at 43, 47, and 51 Chestnut Street as further provided under Article 20 of the warrant for this town meeting and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow the sum of $2,375,000, also as further provided under Article 20 of such warrant.

Explanation: A representative from the Recreation Commission will make a presentation at town meeting to explain this article.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended
ARTICLE 26 TOWN MEETING ACTION: Declared 2/3 majority by Moderator
ARTICLE PASSES.

A true record. Attest:

Jeremy P Gillis, CMC
Town Clerk of Easton

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MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:03 PM
QUORUM PRESENT: YES
ARTICLE #: 27

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 27. FY 2012 CAPITAL BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by borrowing, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purpose of meeting the capital budget needs of the Town for fiscal year 2012, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Town Administrator

Selectman Corona moved the following seconded by Selectman Barlow:

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $3,387,250 for the capital projects listed below, of which $188,535 shall be transferred from the FY2011 Maturing Debt and Interest Budget, $12,655 shall be transferred from account 01.220.015.2662 voted pursuant to Article 13 of the May 18, 2009 Annual Town Meeting, Adjourned to June 8, 2009, $2,060 shall be transferred from account 01.210.015.6237 voted pursuant to Article 10 of the May 17, 2010 Annual Town Meeting, $150,000 shall be transferred from available mitigation funds, $272,000 shall be transferred from Water Surplus, $22,000 shall be transferred from overlay surplus, and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow $2,740,000 under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44 or any other enabling authority, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to do or take all actions necessary to carry out these projects on behalf of or in the name of the Town for the purpose of meeting the capital budget needs of the Town for fiscal year 2012 as follows:

Fire Department Ambulance	**225,000**
New Roof - Fire Station #3	**215,000**
Prospect/Foundry Street Intersection Improvements	**500,000**
Summer Street Reconstruction with Sidewalks	**400,000**
DPW Salt Shed	**230,000**
DPW - 1 Ton Dump Truck with Plow	**40,000**
DPW - Pickup Truck with Plow	**35,000**
School SPED Van	**47,000**
Planning Department Vehicle	**17,000**
Board of Health Vehicle	**20,000**
Police - Unmarked Cruiser	**24,000**
Police - Animal Control Van	**26,000**
Police Cruisers	**60,150**
Matching Funds for Defibrillators Grant	**6,000**
Design Funds for Intersection Improvements	**75,000**
Preliminary Design Funds for North Easton Village	**75,000**
DPW - Paving Vibratory Roller	**15,000**
Matching Funds for Council on Aging Shuttle Van	**14,000**
Town Computers - Hardware/Software	**30,000**
School Technology - Firewall Upgrade/Server Virtualization	**56,100**
School Technology - Computer Hardware/Software	**20,000**
Water - Skid-Steer Loader Replacement	**20,000**
Water - Utility Truck Replacement	**28,000**
Water - Hydraulic Service Truck Replacement	**94,000**
Water - Dump Truck Replacement	**130,000**
Water Main Replacement Program	**985,000**
	3,387,250

Vote Required: Two-Thirds Majority
Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended
Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 27 TOWN MEETING ACTION: DECLARED 2/3 VOTE BY MODERATOR ARTICLE PASSES

A true record. Attest:

Jeremy P Gillis, CMC
Town Clerk of Easton

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES

ARTICLE #: 28

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 28 . APPROPRIATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND CHAPTER 90 FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds received from the State's FY 2012 Chapter 90 apportionment the sum of $730,868 for the construction, reconstruction or improvement of public roads and sidewalks, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of said funds, and to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Noonan

Motion: I move that the Town vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds received from the State's FY 2012 Chapter 90 apportionment the sum of $730,868 for the construction, reconstruction or improvement of public roads and sidewalks, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of said funds.

Explanation: This is the Town's annual share of Chapter 90 funds provided by the State for road related improvements in the community.

Vote Required: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 28 TOWN MEETING ACTION: VOTED
ARTICLE PASSES

A true record. Attest:

Jeremy P Gillis, CMC
Town Clerk of Easton

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES
ARTICLE #: 29

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 29. APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION PURPOSES

To see if the town will vote to appropriate and transfer from available funds received from Project Spoke the sum of $286,000 for the purpose of paying special education costs in excess of budgeted amounts, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Noonan

Motion: I move that the town vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds received from Project Spoke, the sum of $286,000 for the purpose of paying special education costs in excess of budgeted amounts.

Explanation: The Town was a member of a special educational collaborative known as "Project Spoke." The collaborative has disbanded and surplus funds were distributed back to member communities. Easton's share was approximately $286,000. The proposed appropriation shall be used to stabilize unanticipated special education costs.

Vote Required: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 29 TOWN MEETING ACTION: VOTED
ARTICLE PASSES

A true record. Attest:

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Town Clerk of Easton

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MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:03 PM
QUORUM PRESENT: YES
ARTICLE #: 30

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 30. APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ACTUARIAL VALUATION

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to conduct an actuarial valuation of the Town's unfunded post employment benefits liability, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Noonan

Motion: I move that the town appropriate the sum of $10,000 to conduct an actuarial valuation of the Town's unfunded post employment benefits liability and that to meet this appropriation, $1,100 shall be transferred from account 01.135.015.6169 voted pursuant to Article 11 of the February 8, 2007 Special Town Meeting $3,162 shall be transferred from account 01.220.015.6209 voted pursuant to Article 11 of the May 19, 2008 Annual Town Meeting, and $5,738 shall be transferred from the FY11 Employee Benefits and Insurance Budget.

Explanation: The actuarial valuation is a financial reporting requirement that the Town must comply with. It will determine the estimated unfunded liability for post employment benefits other than pensions, which are primarily health insurance benefits. The valuation is good for two years and the estimated cost is $10,000.

Vote Required: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 30 TOWN MEETING ACTION: VOTED
ARTICLE PASSES

A true record. Attest:

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Town Clerk of Easton

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES
ARTICLE #: 31

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 31. ACCEPTANCE OF SECTION 18 OF MGL CHAPTER 32B

To see if the Town will vote to accept the terms of § 18 of MGL Chapter 32B, which section provides that the Town require retirees who are eligible for Medicare to switch to one of the Town's Medicare supplement insurance programs, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Gornstein

Motion: I move that the Town vote to accept the terms of § 18 of MGL Chapter 32B, which section provides that the Town require retirees who are eligible for Medicare to switch to one of the Town's Medicare supplement insurance programs.

Explanation: This article would allow the town to require that retirees switch to Medicare upon eligibility. This switch is most cost effective for the retiree and the town. The town presently offers two supplemental insurance programs for Medicare-eligible retirees to ensure that our retirees have ample choices to suit their individual needs.

Vote Required: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 31 TOWN MEETING ACTION: VOTED
ARTICLE PASSES

A true record. Attest:

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Town Clerk of Easton

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES

ARTICLE #: 32

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 32. AMENDMENT TO §227 WETLANDS PROTECTION BYLAW

To see if the Town will vote to amend §227 of the Town's "Wetlands Protection Bylaw" Bylaw as follows.

Delete the following section 227-7.C in its entirety:

§ 227-7. C

A permit shall expire three years from the date of issuance. Notwithstanding the above, the Commission in its discretion may issue a permit expiring five years from the date of issuance for recurring or continuous maintenance work, provided that annual notification of time and location of work is given to the Commission. Any permit may be renewed once for an additional three-year period, provided that a request for a renewal is received in writing by the Commission prior to expiration. Provided, further, that the time from the date of an appeal of said permit or an appeal of the state order of conditions issued by the Conservation Commission on the same proposed work as the permit until all such appeals shall be resolved through the entire appellate process, including all possible administrative and judicial appeals, shall not be considered as part of the three- or five-year permit period, notwithstanding that no judicial order to stay the work has been entered. This tolling provision shall be applicable to all permits or extension permits in effect on the effective date of this provision. Where the time period of a permit has been stopped under this tolling provision, the Commission shall review the proposed project and permit conditions for possible amendment of the permit and work shall not commence until the completion of such review.

And to replace subsection (3) of the definition of "Alter" under §227-9.A, by removing the word "acceptable" so that the subsection now reads as follows:

(3) Drainage, or other disturbances of water level or water table.

Submitted by Conservation Commission

Selectman:Gornstein

Motion: I move that the Town vote to amend § 227-7 (C) and § 227-9 (A) of the Town's Wetlands Protection Bylaw as printed in your warrant.

Explanation: The proposed amendments correct typographical errors. Further, the parameters for granting an extension of permits have been established in the regulations of the Commission.

Vote Required: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: N/A

ARTICLE 32 TOWN MEETING ACTION: VOTED
ARTICLE PASSES

A true record. Attest:

Jeremy P Gillis, CMC
Town Clerk of Easton

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES

ARTICLE #: 33

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 33. AMENDMENT TO §114 DEMOLITION REVIEW

To see if the Town will vote to amend § 114-3(H) of the Town's "Building Permit Demolition Permit Review" Bylaw by replacing it in its entirety with the following:

H. The Commission may determine that the Building is either: (1) not preferably preserved in its entirety; or (2) that it is not preferably preserved provided that any demolition adhere to certain conditions:

1. In the event that the Commission shall determine the building is not preferably preserved in its entirety, it shall so notify the Building Inspector and applicant in writing. The Building Inspector may then issue the demolition permit.
2. In the event that the Commission shall determine that the building is not preferably preserved but that conditions must be placed on any demolition so as to preserve the historical and social character of the Property, the area and the Town, the Commission shall provide a detailed written list of such conditions and the reasons for the imposition of the same to the applicant and the Building Inspector. The Building Inspector may then issue the demolition permit provided that such permit contains the conditions imposed by the Commission.

Submitted by Historical Commission

Selectman: Gornstein

Motion: I move that the Town vote to amend § 114-3(H) of the Town's "Building Permit Demolition Permit Review" Bylaw as printed in your warrant.

Explanation: the proposed amendment would allow the Commission to determine that a building or portion of a building may not be preferably preserved, and therefore demolished, but with certain conditions that will preserve the historical and social aspects of the property important to the area and the Town.

Vote Required: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: N/A

ARTICLE 33 TOWN MEETING ACTION: VOTED
ARTICLE PASSES

A true record. Attest:

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Town Clerk of Easton

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES

ARTICLE #: 34

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 34. AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION BYLAW

To see if the Town will vote to amend its General Bylaws by adding a new Section 18, to create an Agricultural Commission, as follows:

Section 18 - Agricultural Commission

1. Purpose – The Agricultural Commission is created to promote, preserve, encourage and facilitate agricultural activities within the Town of Easton. The Commission's activities include, but are not limited to the following:
    a. Development of long and short range plans and strategies to facilitate, preserve, promote and encourage agriculture;
    b. Actions as a mediator, facilitator, promoter, advocate, negotiator and educator for agricultural activities;
    c. Promotion of preservation of prime agricultural lands and working farmlands;
    d. Providing of advice to the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Conservation Commission, Board of Health, Community Preservation Committee and Historical Commission on projects and activities that involve or affect agriculture or agricultural lands within the Town;
    e. Pursuit of initiatives, grants and other opportunities for assistance in the promotion, facilitation and encouragement of agricultural activities in the Town of Easton.
2. Composition – The Commission shall consist of seven members, appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Potential members shall demonstrate an interest in carrying out the Purpose of the Commission, as set forth above. In appointing the members of the Commission, the Selectmen may consider a candidate's actual experience in agricultural activities. The term of office shall be three years, provided that appointments of the initial members of the Commission shall be as follows: three members for a term of three years; two members for a term of two years; and two members for a term of one year. Vacancies shall be filled based upon the unexpired term of the vacated position so as to maintain staggered terms. The Commission shall make recommendations to the Selectmen for the filling of any vacancy.

Or take any other action in relation thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Murphy

Motion: I move that the Town vote to accept the recommendation of the Agricultural Commission Study Committee and to amend the code of the Town of Easton to insert Chapter 18 Agricultural Commission as printed in your warrant.

Explanation: Easton has a long history as an agricultural community. An Agricultural Commission will help ensure agricultural activities are supported within the Town by advocating for farmers and farmland preservation; and promote a beneficial relationship between the agricultural community and the public.

Vote Required: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 34 TOWN MEETING ACTION: VOTED

ARTICLE PASSES

A true record. Attest:

Jeremy P Gillis, CMC
Town Clerk of Easton

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES
ARTICLE #: 35

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 35 . SENIOR TAX WORK-OFF PROGRAM

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 188, Section 43, of the acts of 2010, which amends MGL Chapter 59, Section 5K, the Senior Tax Work-Off Program to supplement its Senior Tax Work-Off program by: (1) allowing an approved representative, for persons physically unable, to provide such services to the city or town; or (2) allowing the maximum reduction of the real property tax bill to be based on 125 volunteer service hours in a given tax year, rather than $1,000."

Submitted by Council on Aging

Selectman: Murphy

Motion: I move that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 188, Section 43 of the acts of 2010, which amends MBL Chapter 59, Section 5K, the Senior Tax Work-Off Program as printed in the warrant.

Explanation: Acceptance of subsection 1 of this article would allow someone else to work off the hours on behalf of a senior homeowner who is not capable of doing the work themselves. Acceptance of subsection 2 of this article would allow the maximum reduction of the property tax credit to be based on 125 hours of service, rather than $1,000. Therefore if the minimum wage increases, the maximum property tax credit would also increase. The effective date of this change will be 7/1/11.

Vote Required: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 35 TOWN MEETING ACTION: VOTED
ARTICLE PASSES

A true record. Attest:

Jeremy P Gillis, CMC
Town Clerk of Easton

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES
ARTICLE #: 36

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 36. SUNDAY MORNING LIQUOR SALES

To see if the Town will vote to accept provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 138, §33B, providing the Selectmen with the discretion to permit Section 12 (on-premise) licensees to sell alcoholic beverages between the hours of 10 AM and 12 Noon on Sundays; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Murphy

Motion: I move that the Town accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 138, §33B, regarding the issuance of permits for the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday mornings.

Explanation: Acceptance of the provision of this law will allow the Selectmen to license restaurants for the sale of alcoholic beverages between 10am and 12noon on Sundays.

Vote Required: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 36 TOWN MEETING ACTION: VOTED
ARTICLE PASSES

A true record. Attest:

Jeremy P Gillis, CMC
Town Clerk of Easton

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES

ARTICLE #: 37

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 37. PROSPECT/FOUNDRY STREETCONSTRUCTION PROJECT PERMANENT EASEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire through donation, purchase or eminent domain, permanent easements depicted as T-1 and T-2 on a plan prepared by BETA Group, Inc entitled "Widening of a Portion of Foundry Street", dated April 14, 2011, said plan being available for review in the Office of the Department of Public Works and in the Office of the Town Clerk, for the purpose of constructing traffic signals at the intersection of Prospect and Foundry Street, and further to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of $1,400 to fund said acquisitions.

PARCEL T-1

Beginning at a point on the northerly line of Foundry Street, said point being 27.15 feet left of station 14+19.37 of the construction baseline of Foundry Street, and proceeding easterly along said northerly line of Foundry Street on a bearing of S73°44'26"E for a distance of 28.00 feet to the point of intersection of the northerly line of Foundry Street and the westerly line of Prospect Street; thence turning northerly along the aforementioned westerly line of Prospect Street on a bearing of N10°54'51"E for a distance of 42.42 feet to a point on the aforementioned westerly line of Prospect Street, said point being 16.97 feet left of station 0+74.58 of the north construction baseline of Prospect Street; thence turning southwesterly leaving the aforementioned westerly line of Prospect Street and proceeding on a bearing of S20°09'53"W for a distance of 16.64 feet to a point, said point being 18.30 feet left of station 0+47.78 of the aforementioned north construction baseline of Prospect Street; thence continuing southwesterly by a curve to the right with a radius of 29.00 feet for a distance of 23.94 feet to a point, said point being 33.30 feet left of station 14+30.70 of the aforementioned Foundry Street construction baseline; thence turning westerly on a bearing of N73°44'26"W for a distance of 12.15 feet to a point, said point being 32.13 feet left of station 14+18.93 of the aforementioned construction baseline of Foundry Street; thence turning southerly on a bearing of S16°15'34"W for a distance of 5.00 feet to the point of the beginning, said Parcel T-1 containing approximately 309 square feet as shown on the attached plan.

PARCEL T-2

Beginning at a point on the westerly line of Prospect Street, said point being 17.90 feet right of station 0+47.00 of the south construction baseline of Prospect Street; thence turning northwesterly, leaving the aforementioned south construction baseline of Prospect Street and proceeding on a bearing of N15°22'17"W for a distance of 18.91 feet to a point, said point being 29.07 feet right of station 0+31.74 of the aforementioned south construction baseline of Prospect Street; thence continuing northwesterly on a bearing of N33°50'24"W for a distance of 13.31 feet to a point, said point being 25.71 feet right of station 14+35.94 of the construction baseline of Foundry Street; thence continuing northwesterly on a non-tangent curve to the left on a radius of 29.00 feet for a distance of 6.76 feet to a point, said point being 24.44 feet right of station 14+29.17 of the aforementioned construction baseline of Foundry Street; thence continuing northwesterly on a curve to the left with a radius of 494.00 feet for a distance of 33.59 feet to a point on the southerly line of Foundry Street, said point being 22.56 feet right of station 13+94.97 of the aforementioned construction baseline of Foundry Street; thence turning southeasterly along the aforementioned southerly line of Foundry Street on a bearing of S72°02'58"E for a distance of 31.23 feet to a point on the aforementioned southerly line of Foundry Street; thence turning southeasterly along the westerly line of Prospect Street by a mom-tangent curve to the right with a radius of 30.08 feet for a distance of 46.15 feet to the point of the beginning, said Parcel T-2 containing approximately 217 square feet as shown on the attached plan.

Location	Parcel No.	Value of Taking
99 Prospect Street	T-1	$ 1,300
93 Prospect Street	T-2	$ 100

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Murphy

Motion: I move the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire through donation, purchase or eminent domain, permanent easements depicted as T-1 and T-2 on a plan prepared by BETA Group, Inc entitled "Widening of a Portion of Foundry Street", dated April 14, 2011, said plan being available for review in the Office of the Department of Public Works and in the Office of the Town Clerk, for the purpose of constructing traffic signals at the intersection of Prospect and Foundry Street, and further to appropriate by transfer from overlay surplus, the sum of $1,400 to fund said acquisitions.

Explanation: This land taking is necessary to install the traffic signals at the intersection of Prospect and Foundry Street.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 37 TOWN MEETING ACTION: DECLARED 2/3 VOTE BY MODERATOR
ARTICLE PASSES

A true record. Attest:

Jeremy P Gillis, CMC
Town Clerk of Easton

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES

ARTICLE #: 38

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 38. BYLAW AMENDMENT; METER TAMPERING

To see if the Town will vote to delete Section 223-65 of the Town's General Bylaws, in its entirety, and replace it with the following:

223-65. Tampering with Meters or Intentionally Damaged Meters:

Tampering with, hindering, altering or intentionally damaging water meters are offenses subject to fines and penalties under Mass General Law Chapter 165 Section 11, as amended by Chapter 374 of the Acts of 2010 along with the authority provided under G.L. c. 40, §39G.

A. Meter Tampering First Offense

Upon identification of a first offense of meter tampering the town, acting by and through its DPW, shall issue a fine of $1,000.00 or triple the amount of any damages, whichever is greater. Damages shall include the value of the water, cost of the damaged equipment and all labor costs incurred.

B. Meter Tampering Second Offense

A second offense of meter tampering shall impose the fine delineated in Section A, above. In addition to such fines, the town also may recommend criminal prosecution and imprisonment as allowed under G.L. c. 165, §11.

Or take any other action in relation thereto

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Selectman: Corona

Motion: I move the Town vote to delete Section 223-65 of the Town's General Bylaws, in its entirety, and replace it with a new section
223-65, entitled Tampering with Meters or Intentionally Damaged Meters, as described in your warrant.

Explanation: The DPW Water Division is proposing to update its current meter tampering fee from $200.00 to conform to recent changes in the Ma General Laws which allows for a $1000.00 fine. This fine will serve as a much better deterrent for anyone considering water theft.

Vote Required: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 38 TOWN MEETING ACTION: VOTED
ARTICLE PASSES

A true record. Attest:

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ARTICLE #: 39

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 39 . BUILDING HEIGHT

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. Chapter 40A, to amend the Easton Zoning Bylaw at Section II – Definitions, by amending the definition of "Height" as follows:

HEIGHT

~~The vertical distance from the average finished grade of the adjacent ground to the top of the structure of the highest roof beams of a flat roof, or the mean level of the highest gable or the slope of a hip roof.~~ Measured as the vertical distance from the mean grade of the natural ground contiguous to the building, as such ground existed prior to construction at the location of existing or proposed exterior walls ("Grade Plane"), to the mean height of the highest roof surface. For new subdivisions the Grade Plane shall be calculated based upon finished grades as shown on site plans approved by the Planning and Zoning Board. The limitation shall not apply to chimneys, vents, and other similar features provided such features do not cover more than fifteen percent (15%) of the area of the roof of the building or other structure and in no way are used for human occupancy;

and

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A, to amend the Easton Zoning Bylaw by amending the height limitations in the Dimensional and Density Regulation Table, and inserting footnote 15, at Section 6-3 so that the table and Footnote 15 reads as follows:

Zoning District	Min. Lot Size in Sq. Ft.	Contiguous Min. Lot Frontage in Lin. Ft	Min. Yard Depth in Feet			Min. Lot Depth in Ft.	Max. Bldg. Hgt. in Ft.	Max. % Lot Coverage by Structure	Max. # of Stories Above Grade
			Front	Rear	Side				
Residential – R	40,000	150	25	20	15	100	325 (15)	20	3
Residential 1 – R1	40,000	150	25	20	15	100	325 (15)	20	3

(15) Height

- One (1) foot may be added to the Maximum Building Height for each additional foot by which (i) the front setback exceeds the minimum front setback distance) or (ii) the narrower side setback exceeds the minimum side setback distance, whichever of these two distances is the smallest; provided the height shall not in any case exceed thirty-five (35) feet.
- In situations where a building is allowed to be closer to a property line one (1) foot shall be deducted from the Maximum Allowable Building Height for each foot by which (i) the front setback is less than the minimum front setback distance or (ii) the narrower side setback is less than the minimum side setback distance, whichever of these two distances is the greatest. This reduction in Maximum Height shall apply only to the portions of the building that occupy the space between the property line and the corresponding setback line.
- In instances where a building has a walk out basement located on the rear wall the grade plane shall be calculated using the mean grade from all front and side walls.

Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board

Selectman: Corona

Motion: – **I move that the Town vote to amend Section 2 of the Zoning Bylaw, Definition of Height, and Section 6-3, Dimensional and Density Regulation Table, as printed and described in your warrant.**

Explanation: This article will change how building height is measured and reduces the allowable maximum building height in residential zoning districts from thirty-five (35) feet to twenty-five (25) feet. Building heights up to thirty-five (35) feet are allowed with commensurate setbacks from the setback line(s). The purpose of this amendment is to promote building heights that more accurately reflect the character and scale of Easton's traditional neighborhoods.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: N/A

Planning & Zoning Board Recommendation: Recommended

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ARTICLE #: 40

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 40. ZONING AMENDMENT; CORRECTION OF VARIOUS MINOR INCONSISTENCIES IN ZONING CODE (3-1, 7-5 G.1, 2-10)

To see if the Town of Easton will vote pursuant to MGL, Chapter 40A, to amend the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Easton, adopted at Town Meeting, March 27, 1973 and amended through May 17, 2010, by making the following changes thereto, by deleting the text shown with a ~~strikethrough~~, and inserting the text shown in *italics*:

Item 1: §7-16.1 Affordable Housing Requirements, Purpose

The purpose of this section is to promote the public welfare by:

a. increasing the supply of housing that is available and affordable to low or moderate income households, with an emphasis on family housing;

b. encouraging residential growth in already developed areas; and

c.~~b.~~ preventing the displacement of Easton residents.

Item 2: §7-16.2 Affordable Housing Requirements, Definitions

AFFORDABLE HOUSING GUIDELINES are written policies and criteria, recommended by the ~~Fair & Affordable Housing Partnership~~ *Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board of Trustees* and adopted by the Planning Board, which supplement and serve to aid in the interpretation of this section. They may be revised from time to time without an amendment to the Zoning Bylaw.

Item 3: §7-16.7 Affordable Housing Requirements, Procedures

2. Submittal of Affordable Housing Plan—The applicant shall fill out and submit an Affordable Housing Plan form to the Department of Planning and Community Development prior to making an application for a building permit. This form requires the following information:

    a) On-Site Unit Projects—Applicants electing to develop on-site affordable units shall provide a schedule of all project units by location, square footage, unit types, number and types of rooms, and location of affordable units.

    b) Cash Contribution Projects Under Paragraph ~~5~~ *6*, Subparagraph ~~d.~~ *b.* — Applicants electing to make a cash contribution in lieu of providing affordable units shall provide a statement of the number of project units and the corresponding formula required by the Affordable Housing Guidelines.

    c) Alternative Requirements—Applicants proposing to employ paragraph ~~7~~ *6*, Alternative Requirements for Affordable Units, above shall provide a proposal specifying the ~~land,~~ buildings, off-site affordable units, and/or cash contribution; and a schedule and proposed security for providing these.

3. Planning & Zoning Board Application—The applicant shall make a formal application for a special permit to the Town Clerk.

4. ~~Fair & Affordable Housing Partnership Review~~ *Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board of Trustees Review* —Except for applications proposing cash contributions under paragraph ~~5~~ *6*, subparagraph ~~d.~~ *b.*, the ~~Fair & Affordable Housing Partnership~~ *Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board of Trustees* shall, in the next regularly scheduled meeting after necessary public notice, review the Affordable Housing Plan and prepare a recommendation to the Planning & Zoning Board.

5. Planning & Zoning Board Review—The Planning Board shall meet to hear the special permit application. The Planning & Zoning Board decision may require modifications, conditions, and safeguards, including documentation regarding affordability and funding commitments reasonably related hereto, and shall explain any deviation from ~~Housing Advisory Board~~ *Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board of Trustees* recommendations in writing in its decision.

Item 4: §7-16.8 Affordable Housing Requirements, Conditions

8. Conditions

1. The Planning & Zoning Board shall require that a Revised Affordable Housing Plan, which shall include any conditions in the grant of a special permit from the Planning & Zoning Board, shall be submitted to the Planning Director for final approval prior to the issuance of a building permit. For projects providing affordable units, the Affordable Housing Plan shall include a reference to specific floor plans of the affordable units that shall be attached to the plan. For projects providing cash or other contributions under ~~paragraph 5, subparagraph d. or paragraph 7.~~ *paragraph 6*, the revised Affordable Housing Plan shall set forth a detailed description, if applicable, and schedule for contributions, including any documentation required to secure such, in accordance with the Affordable Housing Guidelines. The Revised Affordable Housing Plan shall be legally binding as part of a special permit which shall refer to it in any decision.

2. Where set forth as a condition in the approved Revised Affordable Housing Plan, no building permit shall be issued until the applicant submits to the Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development a proper bond, or other financial instrument designed to secure performance of the requirements of this section.

3.~~e.~~No building permit shall be issued until the applicant submits proof that the special permit decision has been recorded and that the Planning Director *has issued* a final approval letter for the Revised Affordable Housing Plan.

4.~~d.~~The Zoning Board of Appeals may impose conditions in which the Building Commissioner may limit, restrict, or withhold the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for any market rate unit(s) in a development until:

a)~~1)~~all of the affordable units have obtained a certificate of occupancy; or

b)~~2)~~any ~~land~~ *cash contributions*, buildings and/or off-site units required to be donated to the Town or its designee have been conveyed.

5.~~e.~~ Prior to issuance of any certificate of occupancy for the a project including affordable units, the applicant shall submit to the Director of Planning and Community Development for approval a plan for marketing and selection of occupants; initial rents or sales prices for the units designated as affordable; and, prior to their being

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recorded, condominium, cooperative or other homeowner association documents, as appropriate. For projects including affordable units for rent, this plan shall be recorded as a part of the affordable housing restriction set forth in paragraph *5* ~~6., subparagraphs i. and j.~~ herein. All plans shall be consistent with the Affordable Housing Guidelines.

6.~~f.~~ Initial Sales/Rental will be through a lottery implemented by a qualified non-profit housing agency such as the Easton Housing Authority, the South Shore Housing Development Corporation, or the Citizens Housing and Planning Association, and a comparable agency will oversee re-sales or re-rentals to preserve affordability in perpetuity, in accordance with the Comprehensive Permit Guidelines.

Item 5: §7-16.9 Affordable Housing Requirements, Affordable Housing Guidelines

9. Affordable Housing Guidelines

The Planning Board, in consultation with the ~~Housing Advisory Board~~ *Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board of Trustees* and after public notice and hearing, shall adopt Affordable Housing Guidelines.

Submitted by Planning and Zoning Board

Selectman: Corona

Motion: I move that the Town vote to amend Sections 7-16 (1-2) and 7.16 (8-9) of the Zoning By Law as printed and described in your warrant.

Explanation: This article aims to correct some minor inconsistencies in Section 7-16 of Easton's Zoning Bylaw. These include references to other areas within the bylaw and references to the "Housing Advisory Board" and "Fair and Affordable Housing Partnership." The Board of Easton's Affordable Housing Trust Fund now carries out the functions of these groups at the request of the Board of Selectmen.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: N/A

Planning & Zoning Board Recommendation: Recommended

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A true record. Attest:

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 41. ZONING AMENDMENT: LARGE-SCALE GROUND MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATIONS

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A, to amend the Easton Zoning By Law at Section 3-1 to include the following District:

Full Title	Abbreviation
Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation District	SPOD

and further, to amend the Easton Zoning By Law, by adopting the following new section, 7-18 :

7-18 LARGE-SCALE GROUND MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATIONS

A. Purpose

The purpose of this bylaw is to facilitate the creation of new Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations by providing standards for the placement, design, construction, operation, monitoring, modification and removal of such installations that address public safety, minimize impacts on environmental, scenic, natural and historic resources and to provide adequate financial assurance for the eventual decommissioning of such installations. The provisions set forth in this section shall apply to the construction, operation, repair, and/or removal of Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations greater than 250 kW on at least 5 acres of land. Any installation qualifying as a Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation shall require Site Plan Review in accordance with Section 7-10 of the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Easton.

B. Definitions

Building Inspector:
The Inspector of Buildings, charged with the enforcement of the zoning ordinance.

Building Permit:
A construction permit issued by an authorized Building Inspector which provides evidence that the project is consistent with the state and federal building codes as well as local Zoning Bylaws, including those governing ground-mounted large-scale solar installations.

Designated Location:
The Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Overlay District, as designated by the Town of Easton, is shown on the Official Zoning Map, dated May 16, 2011, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A. This map is hereby made a part of this Zoning Bylaw and is on file in the Office of the Easton Town Clerk.

Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation:
A solar system that is structurally mounted on the ground and is not roof-mounted, and has a minimum nameplate capacity greater than 250 kW and occupies more than 5 acres of land.

On-Site Solar Installation
A solar installation that is constructed at a location where other uses of the underlying property occur.

Rated Nameplate Capacity
The maximum rated output of electric power production of the Electric system in Alternating Current (AC) or Direct Current (DC).

Site Plan Review
Review by the Planning Board to determine conformance with Section 7-10 of the Zoning Bylaw.

Site Plan Review Authority
For purposes of this bylaw, the Planning Board is the Site Plan Review Authority.

Solar Photovoltaic Array
An arrangement of solar photovoltaic panels.

Zoning Enforcement Authority
The Building Inspector is charged with enforcing the zoning ordinances or bylaws.

C. Overlay District

1. Establishment

The Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation Overlay District, hereinafter referred to as the "SPOD", is an overlay district that is superimposed over the underlying zoning districts, as shown on the Zoning Map as set forth on the map entitled "Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation Zoning Map," dated May 16, 2011, attached hereto as Appendix B. This map is hereby made a part of the Zoning Bylaw and is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.

2. Applicability

a. This section applies to Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations greater than 250 kW that occupy no less than 5 acres of land proposed to be constructed in Easton. This Section also pertains to physical modifications that materially alter the type, configuration, or size of these installations or related equipment. Such facilities located in the SPOD are subject to Site Plan Review and the Standards and Requirements contained herein. Site Plan Review will be required if there are any physical modifications that materially alter the type, configuration, or size of these installations or related equipment.

b. Municipal facilities owned, operated by, or developed for and on behalf of the Town of Easton are allowed as-of-right without Site Plan Review, but must meet the other requirements of this Section.

c. Smaller scale ground- or building-mounted solar electric installations which are an accessory structure to an existing residential or non-residential use do not need to comply with this Section, but require a building permit and must comply with the other provisions of Easton's Zoning Bylaws as applicable.

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D. General Requirements for all Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations

The following requirements are common to all solar installations to be sited in designated locations.

1. Compliance with Laws, Ordinances and Regulations

The construction and operation of all Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations shall be consistent with all applicable local, state and federal requirements, including but not limited to all applicable safety, construction, electrical, and communications requirements. All buildings and fixtures forming part of a solar installation shall be constructed in accordance with the State Building Code.

2. Building Permit and Building Inspection

No Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation shall be constructed, installed or modified as provided in this section without first obtaining a building permit.

3. Fees

The application for a building permit for a Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations must be accompanied by the fee required for a Building Permit [and Special Permit] and as required by Site Plan Review Section 7-10.

E. Site Plan Review

Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations shall undergo Site Plan Review in accordance with Section 7-10 of this bylaw by the Planning Board prior to construction, installation or modification as provided in this Section and shall also meet the requirements of this section. Municipal facilities are not subject to Site Plan Review, but must meet other requirements of this Section including but not limited to the Design and Performance Standards.

1. General

All plans and maps shall be prepared, stamped and signed by a Professional Engineer licensed to practice in Massachusetts.

2. Required Documents

The project applicant shall provide the following documents in addition to or in coordination with those required for Site Plan Review.

a. Site Plan. The Site Plan must include the following:

(i) Property lines and physical features, including roads and topography, for the project site.

(ii) Proposed changes to the landscape of the site, grading, vegetation clearing and planting, exterior lighting, screening vegetation or structures including their height.

(iii) Locations of wetlands, Priority Habitat Areas defined by the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program (NHESP).

(iv) Locations of Floodplains or inundation areas for moderate or high hazard dams.

(v) Locations of Priority Heritage Landscapes and local or National Historic Districts.

(vi) A list of any hazardous materials proposed to be located on the site in excess of household quantities and a plan to prevent their release to the environment as appropriate.

(vii) Blueprints or drawings of the solar installation signed by a Professional Engineer licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts showing the proposed layout of the system and any potential shading from nearby structures.

(viii) One or three line electrical diagram detailing the solar installation, associated components, and electrical interconnection methods, with all National Electrical Code compliant disconnects and overcurrent devices.

(ix) Documentation of the major system components to be used, including the electric generating components, transmission systems, mounting system, inverter, etc.

(x) Name, address, and contact information for proposed system installer.

(xi) Name, address, phone number and signature of the project applicant, as well as all co-applicants or property owners, if any.

(xii) The name, contact information and signature of any agents representing the project applicant.

(xiii) Fire protection measures.

(xiv) Storm drainage, including means of ultimate disposal and calculations.

(xv) Existing trees 10" caliper or better and existing tree/shrub masses; proposed planting, landscaping, and screening.

(xvi) Certified list of abutters.

b. Site Control. The project applicant shall submit documentation of actual or prospective access and control of the project site sufficient to allow for construction and operation of the proposed solar installation.

c. Operation and Maintenance Plan. The project applicant shall submit a plan for the operation and maintenance of the Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation, which shall include measures for maintaining safe access to the installation, stormwater management (consistent with DEP's Stormwater Regulations and the Town of Easton's Stormwater Regulations) and vegetation controls, as well as general procedures for operational maintenance of the installation.

d. Zoning. Zoning District designation for the parcel(s) of land comprising the project site (submission of a copy of a zoning map with the parcel(s) identified is suitable for this purpose).

e. Insurance. The project applicant shall provide proof of liability insurance.

f. Financial Surety. Applicants of Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation projects shall provide a form of surety, either through escrow account, bond or otherwise, to cover the cost of removal in the event the town must remove the installation and remediate the landscape, in an amount and form determined to be reasonable by the Planning Board, but in no event to exceed more than 125 percent (125%) of the cost of removal and compliance with the additional requirements set forth herein, as determined by the project applicant and the Town. Such surety will not be required for municipal facilities. The project applicant shall submit a fully inclusive

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estimate of the costs associated with removal, prepared by a qualified engineer. The amount shall include a mechanism for calculating increased removal costs due to inflation.

F. Utility Notification

No Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation shall be constructed until evidence has been given to the Planning Board that the utility company that operates the electrical grid where the installation is to be located has been informed of the solar installation owner or operator's intent to install an interconnected customer-owned generator. Off-grid systems shall be exempt from this requirement.

G. Dimensional Requirements

1. Setbacks

For Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations, front, side and rear setbacks shall be as follows.

a. Front yard: The front yard depth shall be at least 100 feet.

b. Side yard. Each side yard shall have a depth of at least 75 feet; provided, however, that where the lot abuts a Residential district, the side yard shall not be less than 100 feet.

c. Rear yard. The rear yard depth shall not be less than 75 feet; provided, however, that where the lot abuts a Residential district, the rear yard shall not be less than 100 feet.

Every abutting property shall be visually screened from the project through any one or combination of the following location, distance, plantings, existing vegetation and fencing. Said screening is not required to exceed 6 feet in height and the Applicant shall demonstrate that the proposal provides visual screening.

2. Appurtenant Structures

All appurtenant structures to Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations shall be subject to reasonable regulations adopted by the Planning and Zoning Board after a public hearing concerning the bulk and height of structures, lot area, parking and building coverage requirements. All such appurtenant structures, including but not limited to, equipment shelters, storage facilities, transformers, and substations, shall be architecturally compatible with each other. Whenever reasonable, structures should be screened from view by vegetation and/or joined or clustered to avoid adverse visual impacts.

H. Design and Performance Standards

1. Lighting

Lighting of Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Installations shall be consistent with local, state and federal law. Lighting of other parts of the installation, such as appurtenant structures, shall be limited to that required for safety and operational purposes, and shall be shielded from abutting properties. Lighting of the Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations shall be directed downward and shall incorporate full cut-off fixtures to reduce light pollution.

2. Signage

Signs on Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations shall comply with Section 10 of the Zoning Bylaws. A sign consistent with the Town's sign bylaw shall be required to identify the owner and provide a 24-hour emergency contact phone number. Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations shall not be used for displaying any advertising except for reasonable identification of the manufacturer or operator of the solar installation.

3. Utility Connections

Electrical transformers or other utility interconnections shall be constructed as required by the utility provider and may be above ground only if necessary. Reasonable efforts shall be made to place all utility connections from the Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation underground (if feasible), depending on appropriate soil conditions, shape, and topography of the site and any requirements of the utility provider.

4. Roads

Access roads shall be constructed to minimize grading, removal of stone walls or street trees and minimize impacts to environmental or historic resources.

5. Control of Vegetation

Herbicides may not be used to control vegetation at the Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation. Mowing or the use of pervious pavers or geotextile materials underneath the solar array is a possible alternative.

6. Hazardous Materials

Hazardous materials stored, used, or generated on site shall not exceed the amount for a Very Small Quantity Generator of Hazardous Waste as defined by the DEP pursuant to Mass DEP regulations 310 CMR 30.000 and shall meet all requirements of the DEP including storage of hazardous materials in a building with an impervious floor that is not adjacent to any floor drains to prevent discharge to the outdoor environment. If hazardous materials are utilized within the solar equipment then impervious containment areas capable of controlling any release to the environment and to prevent potential contamination of groundwater are required.

I. Safety and Environmental Standards

1. Emergency Services

The Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation owner or operator shall provide a copy of the project summary, electrical schematic, and Site Plan to the local Fire Chief, Highway Superintendent, and Emergency Management Director. Upon request the owner or operator shall cooperate with local emergency services in developing an emergency response plan including the training of any municipal first responders. All means of shutting down the Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation shall be clearly marked. The owner or operator shall identify a responsible person for public inquiries throughout the life of the installation.

2. Land Clearing, Soil Erosion and Habitat Impacts

Clearing of natural vegetation shall be limited to what is necessary for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation or otherwise prescribed by applicable laws, regulations, and bylaws.

J. Monitoring, Maintenance and Reporting

1. Solar Installation Conditions

The Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation owner or operator shall maintain the facility in good condition. Maintenance shall include, but not be limited to, painting, structural repairs, and integrity of security measures. Site access shall be maintained to a level acceptable to the local Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director. The owner or operator shall be responsible for the cost of maintaining the solar installation and any access road(s).

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2. Modifications

All material modifications to a Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation made after issuance of the required building permit shall require approval by the Planning Board.

3. Annual Reporting

The owner or operator of the installation shall submit an Annual Report demonstrating and certifying compliance with the Operation and Maintenance Plan (see Section 14-5-2(c)) and the requirements of this bylaw and their approved site plan including control of vegetation, noise standards, and adequacy of road access. The annual report shall also provide information on the maintenance completed during the course of the year and the amount of electricity generated by the facility. The report shall be submitted to the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Fire Chief, Emergency Management Director, Building Inspector, Board of Health and Conservation Commission (if Wetlands Permit was issued) no later than 45 days after the end of the calendar year.

K. Abandonment or Decommissioning

1. Removal Requirements

Any Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation which has reached the end of its useful life or has been abandoned consistent with Section 7-18(K)(2) shall be removed. The owner or operator shall physically remove the installation no more than 180 days after the date of discontinued operations. The owner or operator shall notify the Planning Board by certified mail of the proposed date of discontinued operations and plans for removal. Decommissioning shall consist of:

a. Physical removal of all Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations, structures, equipment, security barriers and transmission lines from the site.

b. Disposal of all solid and hazardous waste in accordance with local, state, and federal waste disposal regulations.

c. Stabilization or re-vegetation of the site as necessary to minimize erosion. The Site Plan Review Authority may allow the owner or operator to leave landscaping or designated below-grade foundations in order to minimize erosion and disruption to vegetation.

2. Abandonment

Absent notice of a proposed date of decommissioning or written notice of extenuating circumstances, the Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation shall be considered abandoned when it fails to operate for more than one year without the written consent of the Planning Board. If the owner or operator of the Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation fails to remove the installation in accordance with the requirements of this section within 180 days of abandonment or the proposed date of decommissioning, the town may enter the property and physically remove the installation at the owner's expense.

3. Financial Surety

Applicants shall submit documentation of financial surety that satisfies Section 7-18(E)(2)(f).

Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board

Selectman: Barlow

Motion: I move that the Town vote to amend Section 3-1 of the Zoning By Law, and to insert a new section 7-18, Large-Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations, as printed in your warrant.

Explanation: This article establishes a Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation District (SPOD) to allow for large solar installations (greater than 250kW) within specific areas of Town on parcels of land greater than 5 acres. Such facilities would require Site Plan Approval from the Planning and Zoning Board.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Planning & Zoning Board Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 41 TOWN MEETING ACTION: DECLARED 2/3 VOTE BY MODERATOR ARTICLE PASSES

A true record. Attest:

Jeremy P Gillis, CMC
Town Clerk of Easton

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES

ARTICLE #: 42

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 42. ZONING AMENDMENT; INTERNALLY ILLUMINATED SIGNS

To see if the Town will amend its zoning bylaws by adding a new section 10-3(5)(e), regulating internally illuminated signs, which shall read as follows:

> *Internal illumination, unless a written request is made to the Planning Board and the Planning Board finds, in writing that such sign will not adversely impact the neighborhood due to issues relating to design, light pollution and public safety.*

And to see if the Town will amend its zoning bylaws at section 10-3(1)(e) as follows:

> *Flashing, animated or internally illuminated, including LED and neon. except as may be allowed by the Planning Board pursuant to Section 10-3(5)(e)*

And to see if the Town will amend its zoning bylaws at section 10-3(5)(d) as follows:

> *Non-white lighting, except as may be allowed by the Planning Board pursuant to Section 10-3(5)(e)*

Or take any other action in relation thereto

Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board

Selectman:Barlow

Motion: I move that the Town vote to amend Sections 10-3(1)(e) and 10-3(5)(d) of the Zoning By Law, and to insert a new section 10-3(5)(e), Internally Illuminated Signs, as printed in your warrant.

Explanation: This article will allow internally illuminated signs at the discretion of the Planning and Zoning Board in certain instances where the Board feels that such sign will not adversely impact the neighborhood due to issues relating to design, light pollution and public safety.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: N/A

Planning & Zoning Board Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 42 TOWN MEETING ACTION: DECLARED 2/3 VOTE BY MODERATOR
ARTICLE PASSES

A true record. Attest:

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Town Clerk of Easton

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES

ARTICLE #: 43

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 43. ZONING AMENDMENT; IN-LAW APARTMENT BYLAW

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A, to amend the Easton Zoning By Law to explicitly allow for in-law apartments, by adopting the following new section, 7-19:

7-19 IN-LAW APARTMENTS

A. Purpose and Intent

The intent of permitting In-Law Apartments is to:

1. Provide an opportunity for family members who choose to live in close proximity, but separate from other family members, to remain within that family environment;
2. Provide for the health and security concerns of elder or disabled homeowners who wish to remain in their homes;
3. Protect residential stability, property values and the single-family character of neighborhoods;
4. Make it possible for the Town to supervise and monitor such additions for code compliance and safety;

B. Definitions

1. In-Law Apartment: An In-Law Apartment is a self-contained housing unit attached to or incorporated within a Single-Family Dwelling. The In-Law Apartment must be accessory to the Single-Family Dwelling and be subordinate in size to said Single-Family Dwelling and shall comply with each of the criteria stated below.
2. Dwelling, Single-Family: A building designed or used exclusively as a residence and including only one dwelling unit.
3. Dwelling Unit: One or more rooms designed, occupied or intended for occupancy as separate living quarters, with cooking, sleeping and sanitary facilities provided within the dwelling unit for the exclusive use of a single family maintaining a household. This definition does not include a trailer, however mounted.
4. Primary Residence: A residentially used building in which is conducted the principal use of the lot on which it is located.

C. Use and Dimensional Regulations:

1. The Building Inspector may issue a Building Permit authorizing the installation and use of an In-Law Apartment within or attached to an existing or new owner-occupied, Single-Family Dwelling only when the following conditions are met:
    - (a) The In-Law Apartment will be a complete, separate housekeeping unit containing both kitchen and bath.
    - (b) In-Law Apartments must be accessory to a Single-Family Dwelling and only one In-Law Apartment may be created on any lot.
    - (c) The owner(s) of the Single-Family Dwelling for which the In-Law Apartment is created must continue to occupy at least one of the dwelling units on the property as their primary residence, except for bona fide temporary absences.
    - (d) Any new separate outside entrance serving an In-Law Apartment shall be located on the side or in the rear of the building. However, numbering in a form acceptable to the Fire Department must indicate to emergency personnel the existence of an additional unit on the lot.
    - (e) The gross floor area of an In-Law Apartment (including any additions) shall not be greater than twenty-five percent (25%) of the primary Single-Family Dwelling unit, or nine-hundred (900) square feet, whichever is smaller.
    - (f) Once an In-Law Apartment has been added to a Single-Family residence or lot, the In-Law Apartment shall never be enlarged beyond the nine hundred (900) square feet allowed by this bylaw/ordinance.
    - (g) One additional off-street parking space shall be provided for use by the occupant(s) of the In-Law Apartment.
2. Prior to issuance of a building permit, the owner(s) must send a notarized letter to the Building Inspector stating that the owner will occupy one of the dwelling units on the premises as the owner's primary residence, except for bona fide temporary absences. The owner shall also record a copy of the letter at the Registry of Deeds.
3. Prior to issuance of a building permit, a floor plan must be submitted showing the proposed interior and exterior changes to the building.

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4. When a Single-Family Dwelling, which has received a permit for an In-Law Apartment, is sold, the new owner(s), if they wish to continue the use, must, within thirty (30) days of the sale, submit a notarized letter to the Building Inspector stating that they will occupy one of the dwelling units on the premises as their primary residence, except for bona fide temporary absences. The new owner shall also record a copy of the letter at the Registry of Deeds.

D. Administration and Enforcement

1. It shall be the duty of the Building Inspector to administer and enforce the provisions of this Bylaw.
2. No In-Law Apartment may be created or constructed until the Building Inspector has issued a permit. No permit shall be issued until a sewage disposal works permit, when applicable, has first been obtained from the Board of Health and the proposed building and location thereof conform with the town's laws and bylaws. Any new building or structure shall conform to all adopted state and town laws, bylaws, codes and regulations. No In-Law Apartment shall be occupied until a certificate of occupancy has been issued by the Building Inspector where required.
3. The Building Inspector shall refuse to issue any permit for an In-Law Apartment which would result in a violation of any provision of this chapter or in a violation of the conditions or terms of any special permit or variance granted by the Board of Appeals or its agent.
4. The Building Inspector shall issue a cease and desist order on any work in progress or on the use of any premises, either of which are in violation of the provisions of this chapter.

Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board

Selectman:Barlow

Motion: I move that the Town vote to amend the Zoning By Law by inserting a new section 7-19, In-Law Apartments, as printed in your warrant.

Explanation: This article will allow in-law apartments by right in residential zoning districts.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Planning & Zoning Board Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 43 TOWN MEETING ACTION: DECLARED 2/3 VOTE BY MODERATOR ARTICLE PASSES

A true record. Attest:

Jeremy P Gillis, CMC
Town Clerk of Easton

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES

ARTICLE #: 44

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 44. ZONING AMENDMENT; AMEND ZONING MAP

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A, to amend the May 21, 2010 Town of Easton Zoning Map (original date: March 7, 1973) and rezone the following properties, owned by the Town of Easton, as follows:

From Residential to Municipal and Open Space

Map/Lot	Location	Lot Size	Book/Page
U44 / 55A	584 Foundry Street - Lot 1	17.43 acres	17739 / 154
U44 / 55A	584 Foundry Street - Lot 2	13.35 acres	17739 / 154
U44 / 55A	584 Foundry Street - Lot 6	6.01 acres	17739 / 154
U5 / 19	Union Street – Parcel A-1a	265,768 s.f.	19065 / 278
U5 / 19	Union Street – Parcel A-1b	345,475 s.f.	19065 / 273
U5 / 19	Union Street – Lot B	63,959 s.f.	19065 / 271
U5 / 19	Union Street – Parcel A-2	118, 990 s.f.	19065 / 268
R22 / 1B	Howard St – Lot 6	40,100 s.f.	17771 / 61
R22 / 1B	Howard St – Lot 6A	130 s.f.	17771 / 61
U47 / 16	360 Purchase Street	15.54 acres	18004 / 262
R6 / 100	Massapoag Avenue	13.92 acres	18462 / 322
R10 / 16	604 Foundry Street – Parcel B	4.774 acres	

and to accept the report of the Planning & Zoning Board in relation to this article, or take any relative action thereto.

Submitted by Conservation Commission

Selectman:Noonan

Motion: I move that the Town vote to amend the Town's Zoning Map and Section 3-2 of the Zoning By Law to reference and incorporate the changes shown on the zoning map dated May 16, 2011 and as described in your warrant.

Explanation: With this change, the zoning will reflect the actual land use.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: N/A

Planning & Zoning Board Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 44 TOWN MEETING ACTION: DECLARED 2/3 VOTE BY MODERATOR
ARTICLE PASSES

A true record. Attest:

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Town Clerk of Easton

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES

ARTICLE #: 45

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 45. ZONING AMENDMENT; AMEND ZONING MAP

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A, to amend the May 21, 2010 Town of Easton Zoning Map (original date: March 7, 1973) and rezone the following properties as follows:

From Industrial to Residential

Map/Lot	Location	Lot Size	Book/Page
6R-4 / 43	164 Chestnut Street	5.35 acres	02007 / 0082
6R-4 / 44	170 Chestnut Street	16.02 acres	01718 / 0790
6R-4 / 46	174 Chestnut Street	3.98 acres	01964 / 0093
6R-4 / 47	178 Chestnut Street	1.92 acres	8601 / 325
9R-2 / 16	154 Chestnut Street	9.33 acres	02395 /148
9R-2 /17	162R Chestnut Street	3.45 acres	9933/287
9R-2 / 19	106R Chestnut Street	4.00 acres	01751/0160
9R-2 / 103	9R Shannonmarie Way	2.45 acres	8574 / 294

From Residential to Business

Map/Lot	Location	Lot Size	Book/Page
17U / 170	250 Main Street	4.6 acres	6198 / 86

and to accept the report of the Planning & Zoning Board in relation to this article,
or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Planning and Zoning Board

Selectman: Noonan

Motion: I move that the Town vote to amend the Town's Zoning Map and Section 3-2 of the Zoning By Law to reference and incorporate the changes shown on the zoning map dated May 16, 2011, and as described in your warrant.

Explanation: With this change, the zoning will reflect desired land use allowing a mix of business and residential uses.

Vote Required: Two-Thirds Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: N/A

Planning & Zoning Board Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 45 TOWN MEETING ACTION: DECLARED 2/3 VOTE BY MODERATOR
ARTICLE PASSES

A true record. Attest:

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES
ARTICLE #: 46

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 46. STREET ACCEPTANCE - ALDERWOOD DRIVE

To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, "Alderwood Drive" as a public way, pursuant to MGL c. 82, from Station 0+00 to Station 6+00, as shown on a plan of land entitled: "As Built Street Acceptance Plan, Alderwood Drive, Easton, MA" surveyed for Daly Builders, Scale 1" = 40' dated June 26, 1991 by Hayward-Boynton & Williams, Inc, as approved by the Planning Board in March 11, 1987and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 248, Page 10 on April 15, 1987 and to authorize the Board of Selectman to accept easements and/or a deed of fee interest in said Alderwood Drive or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Planning and Zoning Board

Selectman: Noonan

Motion: I move that the Town vote to accept Alderwood Drive as a public way, pursuant to MGL c. 82, from Station 0+00 to Station 6+00, as approved by the Planning Board in March 11, 1987 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 248, Page 10 on April 15, 1987 and to authorize the Board of Selectman to accept easements and/or a deed of fee interest in said Alderwood Drive, as printed in your warrant.

Explanation: The work in this street is completed and it is ready to be accepted as a Public Way.

Vote Required: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Planning & Zoning Board Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 46 TOWN MEETING ACTION: VOTED
ARTICLE PASSES

A true record. Attest:

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Town Clerk of Easton

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES
ARTICLE #: 47

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 47. STREET ACCEPTANCE - COREY DRIVE

To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, "Corey Drive" as a public way, pursuant to MGL c. 82, from Station 0+00 to Station 4+24.17 as shown on a plan of land entitled: "As-Built and Acceptance Plan of Corey Drive, Easton, MA", surveyed for Donald & Adina Colangelo, Scale 1" = 40' dated May 21, 2010 by Ribelin Land Surveyors, Inc., as approved by the Planning Board on June 13, 2001 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 398, Page 57 on August 3, 2001 and to authorize the Board of Selectman to accept easements and/or a deed of dee interest in said Corey Drive or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Planning and Zoning Board

Selectman: Gornstein

Motion: I move that the Town vote to accept Corey Drive as a public way, pursuant to MGL c. 82, from Station 0+00 to Station 4+24.17, as approved by the Planning Board on June 13, 2001 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 398, Page 57 on August 3, 2001 and to authorize the Board of Selectman to accept easements and/or a deed of fee interest in said Corey Drive, as printed in your warrant.

Explanation: The work in this street is completed and it is ready to be accepted as a Public Way.

Vote Required: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Planning & Zoning Board Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 47 TOWN MEETING ACTION: VOTED
ARTICLE PASSES

A true record. Attest:

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES
ARTICLE #: 48

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 48 . STREET ACCEPTANCE - OAK LEAF LANE

To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, "Oak Leaf Lane" as a public way, pursuant to MGL c. 82, from Station 0+00 to Station 6+85, as shown on a plan of land entitled: "Roadway As-Built Plan & Profile of Oak Leaf, Easton, MA" surveyed for Welch Building Corp., Scale 1" = 40' dated February 22, 2010 by Gallagher Engineering, as approved by the Planning Board on June 27, 2001 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 401, Page 27 on November 6, 2001 and to authorize the Board of Selectman to accept easements and/or a deed of fee interest in said Oakleaf Lane or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Planning and Zoning Board

Selectman: Gornstein

Motion: I move that the Town vote to accept Oak Leaf Lane as a public way, pursuant to MGL c. 82, from Station 0+00 to Station 6+85, as approved by the Planning Board on June 27, 2001 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 401, Page 27 on November 6, 2001 and to authorize the Board of Selectman to accept easements and/or a deed of fee interest in said Oak Leaf Lane, as printed in your warrant.

Explanation: The work in this street is completed and it is ready to be accepted as a Public Way.

Vote Required: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Planning & Zoning Board Recommendation: Recommended

ARTICLE 48 TOWN MEETING ACTION: VOTED
ARTICLE PASSES

A true record. Attest:

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES
ARTICLE #: 49

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 49. CITIZEN PETITION

To see if the Town shall vote to change the Charter of the Town of Easton by deleting subsection (‘c) Powers and Duties of section C3-5 Finance Committee and substitute the following as a new subsection (‘c) reading,

(‘c) Powers and Duties. They shall consider any or all municipal questions for the purpose of making reports or recommendations to the Town.

Submitted by Citizen Petition

Selectman: N/A

Motion: MOTION TO DISMISS ARTICLE #49

Explanation: This article was submitted by Citizen Petition.

Vote Required: majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Not Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation:

ARTICLE 49 TOWN MEETING ACTION: DISMISSED

A true record. Attest:

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES

ARTICLE #: 50

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the Warrant Article and Record of Vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2011:

ARTICLE 50 . CITIZEN PETITION

To see if the Town of Easton will authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth to adopt the following legislation:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF RENT REGULATION AND CONTROL OF EVICTIONS IN MOBILE HOME PARK ACCOMMODATIONS IN THE TOWN OF EASTON

SECTION 1. The general court finds and declares that a serious public emergency exists with respect to the housing of a substantial number of citizens in the town of Easton, which emergency has been created by excessive, abnormally high and unwarranted rental increases imposed by ownership of mobile home park accommodations located therein, that unless mobile home park accommodation rents and eviction of tenants are regulated and controlled, such emergency will produce serious threats to the public health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of said town, particularly the elderly; that such emergency should be met by the commonwealth immediately and with due regard for the rights and responsibilities of the town of Easton.

SECTION 2. The town of Easton may, by its by-laws, regulate rents for the use or occupancy of mobile home park accommodations in said town, establish a rent board for the purpose of regulating rents, minimum standards for use or occupancy of mobile home park accommodations and eviction of tenants therefrom and may, by it's by-laws, require registration by owners of mobile home parks under penalty of perjury, of information relating to the mobile home park accommodations. Said rent board shall have all the powers necessary or convenient to perform its functions, may make rules and regulations, require registration by owners of mobile home parks, under penalty of perjury, of information relating to the mobile home park accommodations, sue and be sued, compel the attendance of persons and the production of papers and information and issue appropriate orders which shall be binding on both the owner and tenants of such mobile home park accommodations. Violations of any by-law adopted pursuant to this act or any order of said rent board shall be punishable by a fine of no more than $1000.00.

SECTION 3. (a) The rent board established under section two may make such individual or general adjustments, either upward or downward, as may be necessary to assure that rents for mobile home park accommodations in said town are established at levels which yield to owners a fair net operating income for such accommodations. (b) The following factors, among other relevant factors, which the board by regulation may define, shall be considered in determining whether controlled mobile home park accommodations yield a fair net operating income: (1) increases or decreases in property taxes; (2) unavoidable increases or any decreases in operating and maintenance expenses; (3) capital improvements of the mobile home park as distinguished from ordinary repair, replacement and maintenance; (4) increases or decreases in space, services, equipment, etc.; (5) substantial deterioration of the mobile home park other than as a result or ordinary wear and tear; and (6) failure to perform ordinary repair, replacement and maintenance.

SECTION 4. The provisions of chapter thirty A of the General Laws shall be applicable to the rent board, established under section two, as if said rent board were an agency of the commonwealth, including those provisions giving those agencies the power to issue, vacate, modify and enforce subpoenas, and those provisions relating to judicial review of an agency order.

SECTION 5. (a) The Taunton division of the district court department shall have original jurisdiction, concurrently with the superior court, of all petitions for review brought pursuant to section fourteen of chapter thirty A of the General Laws. (b) The superior court shall have jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of this act and any by-laws adopted thereunder and may restrain violations thereof.

SECTION 6. The town of Easton may by its by-laws regulate the eviction of tenants and the rent board established under section two, may issue orders which shall be a defense to actions of summary process for possession and such orders shall be reviewable pursuant to section four and five.

SECTION 7. The personnel, if any, of the rent board established under section two shall not be subject to section nine A of chapter thirty of the General Laws or chapter thirty-one of the General Laws.

SECTION 8. If any provision of this act or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the validity of the remainder of this act and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Submitted by Citizen Petition

Selectman: Corona

Motion: I move that the Town of Easton authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth to adopt

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF RENT REGULATION AND CONTROL OF EVICTIONS IN MOBILE HOME PARK ACCOMMODATIONS IN THE TOWN OF EASTON

As printed in your warrant.

Explanation: This article was submitted by Citizen Petition. Timothy Harrigan, Community Housing Planner will explain the article on behalf of the Selectmen.

Vote Required: Majority

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Finance Committee Recommendation: Not Recommended

ARTICLE 50 TOWN MEETING ACTION: VOTED
ARTICLE PASSES

A true record. Attest:

Jeremy P Gillis, CMC
Town Clerk of Easton

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